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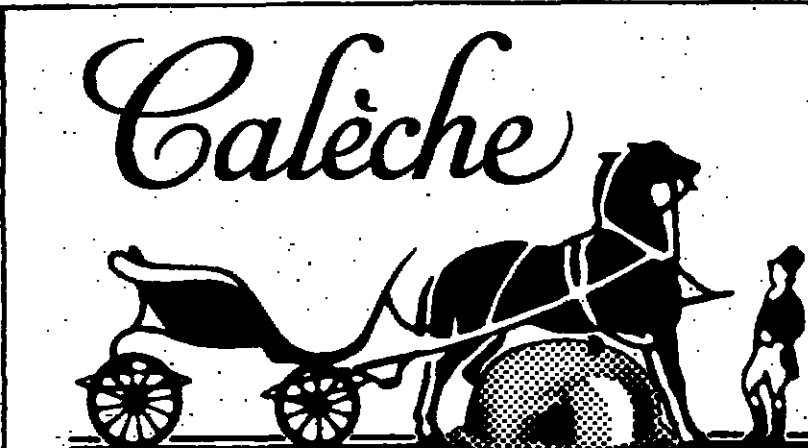
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Walesa takes steps toward national unity

WARSAW, Dec. 12 (R) — Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's outlawed Solidarity free trade union, has broken his silence for the first time since his release from internment by publishing a letter he wrote to military leader Wojciech Jaruzelski on ways to achieve national reconciliation.

The letter, sent last week and released to the press Saturday, calls for an amnesty for those sentenced under martial law, the reinstatement of sacked union activists and a new trade union policy, but it leaves several questions vague.

The general is due to address the nation on television Sunday night before Monday's scheduled Sejm (parliament) session on the legal steps needed to relax martial law, imposed a year ago.

Walesa, released from detention in November, said in his letter that Poland's political and economic crisis could be overcome only by the unified efforts of all sections of society. He said he took it for granted that all internees would be released and called for a return to the "principle of pluralism" in trade union policy.

Western analysts described his tone as mild rather than demanding, noting that he made

no mention of Solidarity and only hinted at his own intended role when he said he was ready to lend his services to achieve a social agreement.

He did not spell out how he envisaged pluralism or scope for various views to be achieved in union policy following the banning of Solidarity in October. The analysts said Walesa's prescription for reconciliation did not match the authorities' apparent plans.

Earlier this month, the government looked set to lift martial law, but leaders have since made clear it will only be suspended and that special powers will remain to prevent unrest.

Government spokesman Jerzy Urban Saturday night accused U.S. President Ronald Reagan of interfering in Polish internal affairs with "aggressive and arrogant proclamations" on the eve of the Sejm discussion.

"He makes the normalization of American-Polish relations contingent on the execution of his instructions... but the process of emerging from martial law will not be taking place under Washington's pressure," he said. Walesa and his wife Danuta Saturday attended a funeral service in Gdansk for the Baltic port's Auxiliary Bishop Kazimierz Kluz, who died in a car crash Monday.

Zia hints at holding poll

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (R) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq said in a television interview broadcast Sunday he hoped to hold free elections in his country in about two years' time.

Gen. Zia, who imposed martial law after overthrowing Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in July 1977, made the statement in an interview taped Saturday during a U.S. tour.

Asked when he hoped to hold elections for a democratic government he replied: "It is difficult for me to say, but I can foresee in about two years' time we should be able to hold elections."

Gen. Zia stressed that a developing country must concern itself with responsibility as well as representation, adding that he was "trying to bring in democracy from the grass roots up."

He denied rumors that Pakistan, which has built a nuclear reactor, was preparing to test a "peaceful" nuclear device.

"In our opinion there is no such thing as a peaceful nuclear device or a non-peaceful nuclear device," he said.

Neighboring India, with which Pakistan has fought several wars, tested a nuclear bomb in 1974, but insisted it was intended for peaceful purposes only. Asked whether F-16 warplanes ordered from the United States would be based near the border with India, Gen. Zia replied that they would be located on the other side of the country where they would "face west."

Turning to the situation in Afghanistan, where Soviet troops began a massive military intervention three years ago, Gen. Zia said time was on the side of Moscow and he hoped the free world would not have cause to regret its lack of assistance for Afghan freedom fighters.

Asked who was helping the Afghan rebels he replied: "They are getting help from their own countrymen...also from Islamic countries generous with their money."

Gen. Zia said Pakistan had no plans to allow the country to be used as a base for the Pentagon's unified Southwest Asia central command which will replace the mid deployment force set up after the 1979 crises in Afghanistan and Iran.

Begin gets ready for snap election

TEL AVIV, Dec. 12 (AP) — With the Beirut massacre probe hovering over him, Prime Minister Menachem Begin is preparing himself for possible elections next year with Ezer Weizman, a renegade Begin ally, playing a major role.

Begin and the top echelon of his government and army are under investigation for negligence leading to the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut by Israeli-backed Lebanese militias last September.

Sources close to Begin say he will call early elections if the massacre probe accuses him or anyone else of dereliction of duty. The commission's judgment is expected in January. The next elections are not scheduled until November 1985.

Reports Friday that Weizman plans to contest the next election could mean a reshuffling of political alliances. Though still popular with the public, Weizman has been in political exile since he quit as Begin's defense minister in 1980.

Weizman was reported to have told the president of Costa Rica during a private visit that he intended to form a new middle-road party to stand for election. Weizman refused to confirm the report, which apparently originated with the Israeli ambassador who attended the meeting.

Begin's domestic problems come as his relations with the United States are larded by mutual suspicions and deepening deadlock in negotiations to untangle Israel from its six-month involvement in Lebanon.

But according to aides, Begin is heading into the tough challenges with confidence. They say he is more focused on business following the death of his wife last month after a long and debilitating illness. Freed from the worry, depression and twice-daily visits to the hospital, Begin is ready to seek a third term, say the aides.

China's defense budget set at \$8b

PEKING, Dec. 12 (AP) — China plans to keep its defense spending constant at 17.87 billion yuan (\$7.94 billion) a year through 1985, rather than raising it as the overall budget increases, the official Xinhua news agency reported Sunday.

Defense spending will total 88.3 billion yuan (\$44.2 billion) for the entire 1981-85 economic plan, or 14.5 percent of overall government spending, Xinhua said. Under the 1976-80 plan, it accounted for 16.5 percent, the agency added.

China reported spending 16.8 billion yuan (\$8.4 billion) on defense in 1981. This climbed to 17.87 billion yuan in 1982, when it represented 15.7 percent of total spending. In 1983, it will be only 13.7 percent of total spending, the Xinhua figures indicated.

On Thursday, the Xinhua quoted Defense Minister Zhang Aiping as saying it is essential to retrench defense spending in peace time to ensure rapid economic development.



Arabs, U.K. resolve rift over visit

LONDON, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — An Arab League delegation headed by King Hassan II of Morocco and including several Arab foreign ministers and a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) representative will arrive here for talks with the British government in two months time, the Sunday Telegraph said.

Differences between Britain and the Arab League over inclusion of the PLO, which caused cancellation of a Dec. 2 visit by the League's committee of seven, have been ironed out, according to sources in Morocco, the newspaper said.

A former Foreign Office minister Lord Chalfont had talks with King Hassan in Rabat Thursday and former Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington met Arab League Secretary Cheddi Klibi and Tunisian Foreign Secretary Beji Caid Essebsi in Tunis Saturday.

The committee of seven was set up at an Arab summit in Fez, Morocco, in September to explain Arab Middle East peace proposals to the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council — the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

Its trip to London was called off because of the conditions the British government attached to receiving a PLO representative in the delegation, conditions viewed by Arab countries as "insulting."

A Foreign Office spokesman told AFP that the government was waiting for a report from Lord Chalfont on his return to London. The spokesman did not deny that Lord Carrington was in Tunis, but said he was not there as an envoy of the Foreign Office.

Meanwhile, Riyadh radio warned Saturday that British relations with the Arab world would be "greatly affected" unless Britain dropped such a pro-Israeli stance.

The Riyadh radio report warned Britain that the Arab world had the right to take "appropriate measures" to preserve its dignity in the face of London's tough stand.

"It is not in the interest of the British people that the policy of sympathy for Israel should continue for it will put an end to any Arab flexibility and prevent the slightest understanding between them and us," the radio said.

Soviet spy graced Queen's function

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP) — Soviet naval attaché Capt. A. Pavlovich Zotov, thrown out of Britain for spying, attended a reception at Buckingham Palace just one day before his expulsion was announced by the Foreign Office, the Sunday Express newspaper reported.

As a result, "a wave of deep embarrassment" is sweeping through government circles and Britain's security services, the paper said.

"Zotov was perfectly turned out in white tie and tails" when he attended Queen Elizabeth II's annual diplomatic reception, the Express said. Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Princess Diana were also in attendance, the paper said, adding that Zotov — one of the Soviet party invited to the reception — met representatives of every other foreign delegation.

U.S. spurns Soviet offer on arms cut

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (R) — The State Department Sunday dismissed a Soviet proposal to cur its intermediate-range missile force by more than half if the United States cancelled its planned missile deployment in Europe.

Commenting on a report in the New York Times that the Soviet Union proposed this during nuclear talks in Geneva, the department spokeswoman said the proposal would leave the Soviet Union with a monopoly of these missiles in Europe.

"The current Soviet position in the intermediate-range missile negotiations would entail a Soviet monopoly over the United States in longer-range intermediate missiles," department spokeswoman Anita Stockman said.

"It would mean zero for the United States and a substantial force of SS-20s for the USSR."

According to the New York Times, the Soviet Union indicated in the Geneva talks two weeks ago that it would propose reducing its intermediate missile force from 600 to 250, which it has targeted on Western Europe and 100 on Asia, if the United States cancelled plans for deploying Pershing-2 and Cruise missiles in Europe.

The New York Times said such a Soviet force would represent the lowest level of Soviet intermediate-range launchers, megatonnage and payload since Moscow's

buildup began in the 1960s.

The department also rejected a reported Soviet demand that the Soviet Union be allowed to maintain missiles to compensate for the independent nuclear forces of Britain and France. "That demand is procedurally inappropriate and substantially without merit," Miss Stockman said. "The Soviets are, in effect, asking for the right to have nuclear forces equal to those of all other powers combined."

Miss Stockman said Washington believed President Reagan's "zero-zero" solution under which no intermediate-range U.S. missile would be deployed in Europe if Moscow eliminated its SS-20s and older SS-4s and SS-5s offered the best basis for agreement and the greatest security benefits to both sides.

She said the SS-20 missiles both in the eastern and western sectors of the Soviet Union posed a threat to NATO because they could be transported from one part of the country to another.

"The allies on NATO's flanks would be particularly exposed," she said. "The United States is negotiating in good faith and remains ready to consider carefully any serious Soviet proposal," she said.

"It is incumbent upon the Soviets to take genuine account of the West's legitimate security concerns by presenting a serious proposal. They have not yet done so."

German pacifists protest

NUERNBERG, West Germany, Dec. 12 (AP) — Several thousand demonstrators blocked the entries to some 50 military bases in West Germany Sunday in what was planned as a peaceful anti-war protest marking the third anniversary of the so-called NATO double decision.

The decision, made in Brussels three years ago, calls for the stationing of hundreds of U.S.-made Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Europe unless the Soviets agree in Geneva-based talks to scrap their over 300 SS-20 medium-range nuclear rockets aimed at

European NATO allies.

The protests included American, Canadian, and West German bases considered to harbor nuclear weapons, missiles, poison gas, bacteriological weapons, radar stations and other arms.

The Nuernberg-based "Co-ordinating Bureau 12.12," so called for the date the NATO decision was taken, said that at about 20 places actions of "civilian disobedience" were staged, blocking the entries and exits to bases.

The biggest blockade was staged at barracks in Grossengingingen, south of Stuttgart, where an organizing spokesman said 350 demonstrators marched 6 kilometers to avoid police road blocks put up to prevent the protesters from reaching their goal.

At the U.S. forces European Command headquarters near Stuttgart, police carried away about 100 demonstrators who held up the free flow of traffic into and out of the barracks, among them two parliamentary deputies from the opposition Social Democratic Party.

Police said about 300 persons blocked the entry to Eucom headquarters for 12 minutes in the morning by sitting on the road.

About two hours later, police said, some 120 counter-demonstrators moved in, most of them apparently members of the youth organization of the ruling Conservative Christian Democratic Union. Police said there were no clashes.

Focus of the demonstrations was in the southwest German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, where authorities last week decided to charge each individual demonstrator with the costs they said arise when police must deal with the actions.

In Schwabisch-Gmuend, some 300 demonstrators had staged what they called a "die-in" on Saturday, designed to symbolically demonstrate death in a nuclear holocaust.

Somalia seeks PLO's mediation

ABU DHABI, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Somali Foreign Minister Abdul Rahman Jama Barre has indicated that his government would favor a mediation effort by North Yemen and the PLO to resolve the conflict between Somalia and Ethiopia.

The minister, quoted by the United Arab Emirates news agency Wam, was speaking here following his arrival Saturday night for a three-day visit to the emirates.

Jama Barre described the situation in the Horn of Africa, where armed clashes broke out in July between forces from inside Ethiopia and Somali government troops, as "serious". He was to have talks with the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashed Abdallah.

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Middle East peace

Time running out for settlement, Quandt warns

By Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — Time is running out for a Middle East peace settlement and unless something is done before the coming summer, i.e. before the start of the new presidential campaign, the initiative suggested by President Ronald Reagan, a stalemate according to Dr. William Quandt, a former member of the U.S. National Security Council during the Nixon and Carter administrations. Dr. Quandt was speaking before a selected audience of diplomats, university lecturers and journalists at the American embassy here Saturday night.

Quandt drew what he called a "realistic" picture of the current scene in the area, saying that "if no breakthrough is found it would be the last chance, for there may not be a post-Reagan initiative."

In his speech entitled "The Middle East Peace Prospects," Quandt analyzed the strategies of the three players, namely the

Water project contracts totaling SR1.3b awarded

RIYADH, Dec. 12 — Water project contracts totaling more than SR1.3 billion for Hafir-el-Baten, Qaysouma, Al-Zalifi and Al-Quway'ayyah have recently been awarded, according to Al-Madinah, Sunday.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture and Water said that the contracts cover a major SR686 million project to supply water to 86 towns and villages in Sudair.

The project also calls for laying main pipes, setting up, operating and maintaining purification plants, building reservoirs, a distribution network, and drilling wells.

The contracts also include a SR345 million project for Hafir-el-Baten and Al-Qaysouma; a SR152 million purification plant at Al-Zalifi; and a SR188 million project at Al-Quway'ayyah.

National firms obtain jobs

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Two contracts, worth about SR124.5 million, were awarded to national companies here Sunday by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh for supplying water pipes.

The first contract, worth SR64.5 million, calls for supply of a total of 103 kms. of pipes for the Hofuf and Mubraz water project within 11 months. The pipes' diameters will range between 300 and 1,000 mm. Meanwhile, the second SR60.9 million contract provides for supply of 344 kms. of pipes for the Hafir-el-Batin water project. The pipes, to be handed over within 12 months, will range between 80 and 900 mm in diameter.

Computer exhibit opens Tuesday

DHAHRAN, Dec. 12 (SPA) — A three-day computer exhibition, organized by the University of Petroleum and Minerals, opens here Tuesday. All departments of UPM's College of Engineering as well as more than 15 leading international producers of computers operating in the Kingdom are taking part in the exhibition.

Israelis, the Americans and the Arabs.

The Begin strategy, as he preferred to call it, is to annex the West Bank and Gaza strip and to use Lebanon as a bargaining card to focus American attention on that issue and avoid the real issue of negotiating the situation in the West Bank.

Moreover, according to Quandt, Begin thinks that the United States must have one ally and that ally must be Israel. Yet Quandt, who has been to Israel last April senses that there are some currents inside Israel against this strategy because it endangers the composition of the Jewish state. The worry, he said, is that the Arabs, with their high birth rate, will be a majority one day. And you can't have a majority stripped from its political and social rights.

Concluding this point, Quandt raised questions as to what extent these forces are strong and whether the United States should encourage them. Though it is very hard to answer the first question, the lecturer said that he thinks the United States should encourage these trends.

Then Quandt turned to the American strategy, which he said is based on a shift in the American public opinion influenced by the media, just like what happened in the Vietnam war. This shift has made American-Israeli relations untenable for some time. At one point the administration was so outraged that it ordered Israel to stop its incessant raids on Beirut, which indicate that when Washington speaks strongly, Tel Aviv listens.

Then came the Reagan initiative on Sept. 1, which called for a freeze on building new settlements and it reiterated American support for the U.N. resolutions.

"The important thing about this initiative is the degree of involvement at the official level, which shows concern at the highest level, that is of the president and his secretary of state," Quandt said. And in the Middle East that is important, for Begin can always bypass junior officials.

On Sept. 1 a speech was addressed first to the American public. According to Quandt it is interesting to note that even American Jews did not resist this speech, the second audience was the Arabs, for the administration was convinced that Camp David had become a dead letter even before the assassination of President Sadat, and that is why it gave a prominent role to Jordan. The third audience was Israel. And the administration hoped to deal with the Lebanese and Palestinian question separately but simultaneously; yet its record so far shows failure.

The third element concerns the Arab strategy adopted at Fez, Morocco last Sept., which shows an Arab consensus. Palestinian-Jordanian current dialogue should address itself to the practical problems of associating the Palestinians in the peace process, Quandt said. The administration is counting too much on King Hussein, whose visit to Washington later this month should be watched carefully, but it should not be made hard for the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) to participate, for the aspirations of the Palestinians should be satisfied somehow. In this respect, the United States should find a way to deal with the PLO. More important, it should find a way to deal with Begin and tell him he can't go away with challenging the administration.

Quandt concluded his speech by saying that the situation is really difficult, but there is a possible course for solution given the readiness of the Arabs to act positively and continuation of the American political will at the highest level.



Dr. William Quandt

Danish quality dairy products highlighted

By K.S. Ramkumar Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — The Danish Dairy Federation in close cooperation with the Royal Danish Embassy organized a seminar on Danish milk products at the Al-Badr Jeddah Sheraton Hotel here Sunday.

The objectives of the seminar were to inform participants of the vast and complex production facilities of the Danish dairy industry, demonstrate the rigid and meticulous supervision of quality control of all exported products by the federation and the government of Denmark, and present the large assortment of Danish milk products.

A documentary film was shown explaining how the high quality is obtained and which Danish dairy products are known all over the world.

Present at the seminar were Danish Ambassador Frantz B. Howitz, and representatives of Danish Exports of Milk and the Danish Dairy Federation, Denmark.

During recent years, Denmark, one of the world's leading exporters of dairy products, has increased exports of milk products to the Kingdom. In 1981 the export of full cream milk powder reached a total of 6,400 tons. This quantity equals about 20 percent of the import of full cream milk powder in retail packings. Some of the Danish brands are Dano, Milce, Samden, Arinco, Klim, Danny Boy and Nido.

Danish sterilized cream is being marketed under the brands such as Royal Cow, Danny Boy, Nestle and Flying Bird.

The production of Denmark, a small Scandinavian country occupying 43,000 sq. with a population of five million, includes three main groups — Cheese, butter and milk products.

The products are produced in about 200 dairies spread all over the country.

Austrian, Sabic officials confer

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Austrian Industry and Commerce Minister Dr. Josef Stainbacher conferred here Sunday with Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Zamil, vice chairman of the Saudi Arabian basic industries corporation (Sabic), on prospects of cooperation between the Kingdom and Austria in basic industries. Dr. Stainbacher was briefed on what had been accomplished of petrochemical, iron, steel and fertilizer projects in Saudi Arabia.

The Austrian minister was shown a film on the industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu. Saturday he visited Jubail industrial city and toured the various projects underway there. He arrived in Riyadh Saturday night from Jubail.

Top-ranking delegation leaves for Casablanca

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif ibn Abdul Aziz left here Sunday for Casablanca, Morocco, at the head of a high-ranking delegation to attend the first Arab Interior Ministers' Conference, opening Monday.

The delegation includes Director of the Public Security, General Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh; Under-Secretary for Administrative Affairs at the Interior Ministry Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Gammaz and senior officials.

"Stability in the Arab region is not only confined to political and military conditions but also depend to a great extent on creating sufficient security conditions to ensure citizens safety and safeguard them from all factors affecting their lives," Prince Naif was quoted as saying in an interview published Sunday.

He told Okaz that the meeting of Arab interior ministers would discuss regulations on combating crime and preserving security in the Arab world.

Prince Naif said "joint basis for security cooperation have been drawn up."

"Such a cooperation is needed more now than any other time to put such a basis into practical application in accordance with the sharia (the divine law) and the Prophet's teachings and to make use of our each relevant experiments," he added.

Prince Naif said the Arab world's higher interests, its security and stability were "common factors which should accelerate Arab security integration that can safeguard the Arab gains".

"This coordination is now taking its final shape, which will make the Arab cooperation a reality," he added.

Medicine import methods viewed

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Importing procedures for medicine and dealing with agents of drug manufacturers will be facilitated by the Ministry of Health, it was decided during a meeting between Health Undersecretary Dr. Hamad Al-Sughair and agents for drug manufacturing companies.

Agents, however, were warned to appreciate their responsibilities and importance of medicine since, the ministry is directly responsible for providing medicine and medical care to the public.



INDIAN MISSION: A four-member fact-finding mission of Indian cardamom planters came to the Kingdom to meet importers. Photo shows, from left to right N.C. Kankani (mission leader), P.G. Gurjer, K.S. Eswaran and M.S. Balakrishna.

Chamber members, importers meet Indian cardamom team

By Suresh Shah Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are the two major markets for Indian cardamom and together import nearly 70-75 percent of the cardamom exports from India, according to Indian Cardamom mission leader N.C. Kankani.

Kankani is heading a four-member fact-finding mission, organized by the Indian Cardamom Board and the United Planters Association of Southern India, now visiting the Kingdom.

The mission is on a 20-day tour of the Middle East and visited Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait and Jordan before arriving in Jeddah. They will leave Monday for Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

During their visit here the members met

with Jeddah Chamber of Commerce Secretary General Abdullah Dhahlan and representatives of cardamom importers in the Kingdom.

Kankani told Arab News India produces around 4,000-4,500 tons of cardamom, of which about 50 percent goes for export. Of the exports of about 2,500 tons annually, Saudi Arabia accounts for 35-40 percent and Kuwait for nearly 30-35 percent.

He said the importers here agree that Indian cardamom is of good quality but price-wise the supply from Guatemala is cheaper. Lower home consumption and increasing production in Guatemala is affecting the Indian cardamom exports to the major markets in the Middle East, he said.

Cardamom export from India to Saudi Arabia, which were SR88 million in 1980, had declined to SR54 million last year.

Fire-hit hotel had taken safety steps

RIYADH, Dec. 12 (SPA) — The Atallah Hotel which caught fire here last week enjoyed excellent safety measures including fire exits and extinguishers which, if not available in an adequate standard, the hazards could have been greatly larger, according to a statement Sunday by the Hotels Department of the Commerce Ministry.

SR3b link expressway given utmost priority

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — King Fahd has directed Communications Minister Dr. Hussein Mansouri to give utmost priority to the construction of the SR3 billion expressway that will link Makkah with Madinah, Al-Madinah reported Sunday.

A spokesman for the department said that the hotel was located in a prefabricated building whose resistance to fire is much lower than conventional concrete buildings. The department had banned the use of prefabricated buildings for hotels in the early years of its conception, the spokesman said. The efficiency of safety measures in hotels will be checked by the department in all parts of the Kingdom, he added, and emergency exits will be compulsory for hotels located in buildings which were not originally designed for this purpose.

The department will also demand that clear guide signs be placed in hotels to direct clients appropriately to emergency exits and prevent confusion in case of fire, the spokesman said.

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University girls to use microwave, two-way communication systems

Ahmad Kamil Khamis
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — The girl students of King Abdul Aziz University will be the first pupils in the Kingdom to use the microwave system of communications after work on set-



Muhammad Rida Amin

ting up a system is complete. This will be an improved media tool for the girl students who cannot be taught by male professors in the normal face-to-face classroom method.

Featuring a two-way communications system between the student and teacher, students can not only listen to the lecture being relayed to them but also see the lecturer over a wide screen.

The microwave system is being developed by the KAU Media and Technology Center, a separate department within the campus catering to various communications needs of the students and staff.

The enthusiastic director of the center Muhammad Rida Amin said this is only the first step toward developing a full-fledged system to feed the teaching needs not only of the female students, but also of the wider teaching programs for male students on campus.

On a tentative basis, instruction is already being imparted over a microwave system supplemented by the cable communication system that has been in operation.

Muslim delegates praise Kingdom's role in spreading Islamic teachings

JAKARTA, Dec. 12 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia's role in spreading the teachings of Islam drew praise from Muslim delegates from several countries here to attend the inauguration of the Asian Continental Council of Mosques.

During the opening session of the Asia and Pacific Continental Council, delegates of Australia, Indonesia and Cyprus commended the Kingdom. They cited the late King Faisal as the first personality who contributed to the

Bahrain book fair has fine response

BAHRAIN, Dec. 12 — Text and school books for all educational levels, technical books and manuals, reference books and directories from more than 300 of the world's leading publishers were displayed at the Middle East Book Fair held here Dec. 5-10.

The aim of the new international academic publishing event was to provide the educational, academic and institutional librarians and officials with responsibility for book acquisition in the Middle East a regular opportunity to meet the world's leading publishers.

Another objective was to update on the wealth of new material published each year and discuss the very special requirements of a region committed to educational development at every level.

The response from the international publishing industry was first class. More than 300 publishers from Europe, United States and the Middle East were represented; with books in both Arabic and English on a wide variety of academic subjects.

A two-day conference was held Dec. 5-6 on library development in the Middle East. There were lectures by world experts and scholars on "Educating librarians," "Administration of university libraries: The UPM experience," "Special librarianship: The Kuwait experience," "Information service in academic libraries," "Bibliographic control: UBC in a regional context" and "Educating the library user."

establishment of the council and devoted a lot of his efforts and time to promote Islamic activities. The delegates also affirmed that the Kingdom's leaders who succeeded King Faisal have followed in his foot steps.

The Australian delegate, Ibrahim Attallah, denounced the aggressions of Iran's Khomeini and Libya's Qaddafi against Islam and their attempts to mislead Muslims in Australia "through cheap methods."

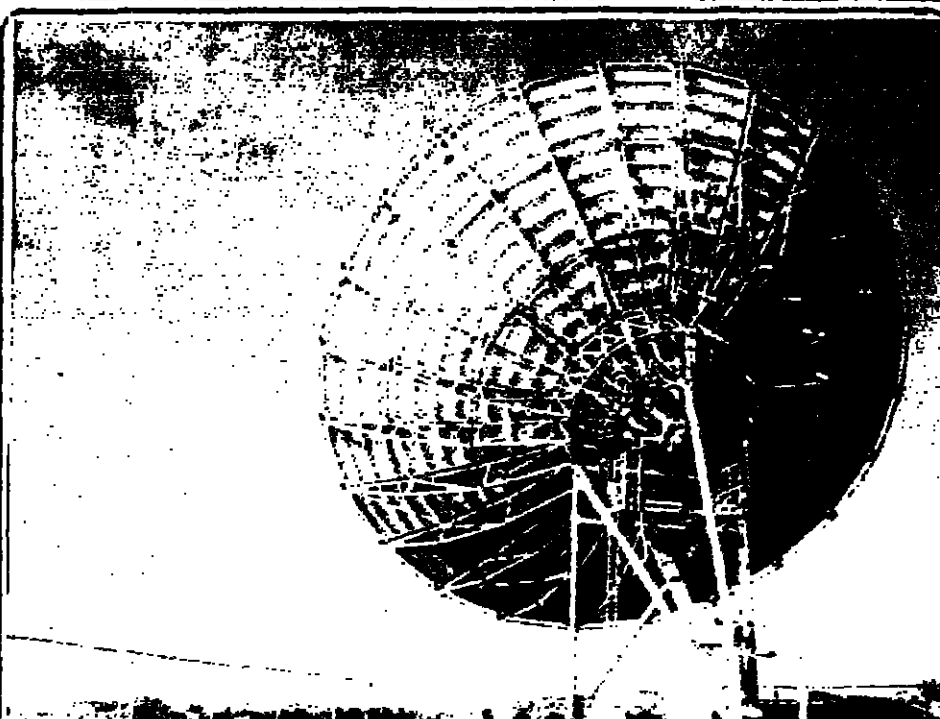
During the session, chaired by Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, a statute for the proposed sessions department was approved. Dr. Taymour Jilani, director of the Islamic development institute in Jakarta, was named secretary general of the Asia and Pacific Continental Council.

Sheikh Harakan also had commended the Kingdom's efforts and contributions to promote Islamic activities in a statement after the Friday noon prayers at Jakarta's Independence Mosque. The statement, addressed to more than 10,000 worshippers, also highlighted King Fahd's personal initiatives to support all moves that aim at maintaining, renovating and protecting mosques anywhere in the world.

Sheikh Harakan also outlined Muslim World League efforts to spread Islam in Muslim countries and dwell on the importance of mosques in the lives of Muslims.

Later on, Indonesian Religious Affairs Minister Gen. Alem Shah gave a dinner in honor of Sheikh Harakan and his accompanying delegation. Gen. Shah praised, in a statement at the beginning of the ceremony, Indonesian President Suharto's support to the meetings of the continental council and the recommendations and proposals resulting from these meetings.

In a reply statement, Sheikh Harakan up held the Indonesian government's role in looking after mosques and its general activities for the benefit of Islam. He said that the conditions of mosques in the world today prompted the establishment of the Continental Council which is directly linked to the Supreme World Council of Mosques' secretariat in Makkah.



MODERN TECHNIQUE: This earth station is used to speedily and efficiently relay telephone and television messages from orbiting satellites. The use of such techniques has enabled Saudi Telephone to reduce rates due to the use of the most up-to-date technology.

Saudi Telephone charges on foreign routes reduced

RİYADH, Dec. 12 — Saudi Telephone is once again reducing calling charges on some of its international routes. In keeping with the rate reduction policy established last year.

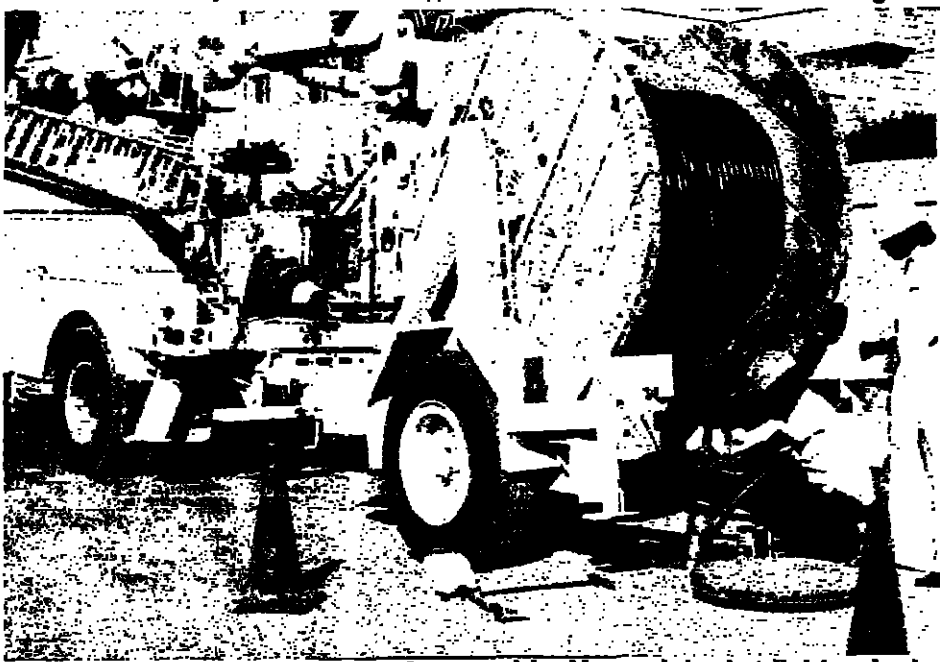
Fouad Abu Mansour, assistant deputy minister for operation and maintenance affairs at Saudi Telephone, has announced that today, the calling charges between Saudi Arabia and Andorra, Monaco, Liechtenstein, British Guyana, Italy and Guatemala will be significantly reduced. For example the charge per minute of a call made from Saudi Arabia to Italy will be reduced from SR14 to SR9 — a saving of over 35 percent, these reductions should mean major savings for the citizens, as over 38,000 international calls are placed per month to Italy alone.

These continued reductions in the international call rates have been made possible by the greatly improved long distance network facilities that have been introduced by Saudi Telephone, a company spokesman said.

The microwave system, which has been

operational for only a short period of time, not only brings international calling to the far corners of the Kingdom, but it also serves as a direct communication link with many neighboring Arab countries including Bahrain, Qatar, Sudan, and the United Arab Emirates. Similar benefits have come from the recently modernized coaxial cable network, as this system not only provides the "backbone" telecommunications link within the Kingdom but improves communications with neighboring states like Kuwait.

Perhaps the greatest improvement in long-distance facilities is due to the increased use by Saudi Telephone of satellite communications. The satellite system working within the Kingdom consists of three standard class earth stations operating in conjunction with Intelsat satellites positioned over the Atlantic and Indian oceans. Together they provide the Kingdom with extensive international communications potential, with a capacity of 1,767 channels to 137 countries around the globe.



CABLE INSTALLATION: These large coaxial cables are being installed in a local neighborhood. The modernized coaxial cable network provides the 'backbone' for improved telephone service.

Hospital plan launched

Brain-drain 'in reverse' taking place in India

By Omar Basadliq
Riyadh Bureau

RİYADH, Dec. 12 — A brain-drain "in reverse" is said to be taking place in the Indian sub-continent, in that some of the Indian doctors — and other specialists — who had gone abroad to places like Britain and the United States to practice their callings, are now trickling back home.

This was revealed to Arab News by Dr. Prathap C. Reddy, who explained that the reason for that is that in India now efforts are being intensified to provide the "same standards they are used to" in the West to make things attractive for them.

"We don't lack the medical skills because the Indian doctor professionally has shown that he is one of the very brilliant people," Dr. Reddy said. He said what was lacking were the tools, and confirmed that his country will continue to import "certain sophisticated equipment to complement other medical diagnostic facilities available in India."

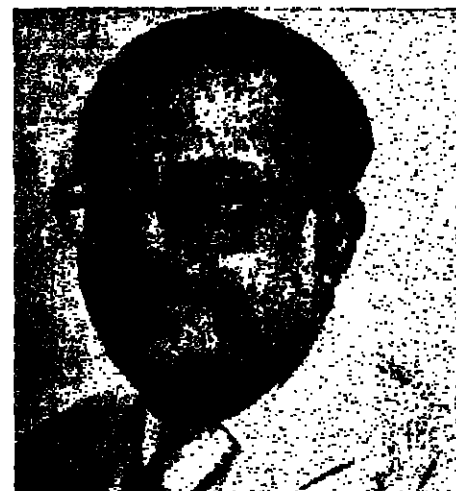
Dr. Reddy recently spoke a group of Indian nationals living in Saudi Arabia — many of them belonging to the medical profession — to explain the aims and objects of his Apollo Hospital Enterprise project.

"What we want now is to stop Indians from going abroad for specialized treatment, and this we can only do by giving them the same standards of treatment as they are now getting outside their country," he explained.

Dr. Reddy said one of the prohibiting factors, the main one, in fact, was the high cost of treatment and hospitalization in countries such as the United States. A cardiologist himself, he gave, as an example, the cost of having a heart valve condition rectified: "In the United States it costs around \$42,000, whereas a similar treatment in India could be obtained for less than \$7,000, and in deluxe hospital rooms."

The Apollo Hospitals program was conceived three years ago and the first of their projects is a 250-bed hospital being built in Madras at a cost of about \$10 million. Dr. Reddy disclosed that a similar hospital is being built in Chicago at a cost of \$70 million, and this colossal difference "will be passed on to the patients" who will patronize that hospital.

Dr. Reddy said some of the ultra-modern



Dr. Prathap Reddy

hospitals in the United States are becoming unnecessarily over-luxurious for such institutions and that some of the facilities are superfluous.

The first Apollo Hospital in Madras will have over fifty speciality and "super-speciality" departments, and it is envisaged that the latest diagnostic facilities will be installed when the hospital is ready for occupation in mid-1983. Other facilities to be incorporated include: the latest generation of Whole-Body CT Scan, the advanced Cardiac Cath Lab, the electron microscope, most modern fibro-optic instruments, ultra-sound continuous monitoring systems and computerized laboratory systems.

The Madras project's \$10 million, according to Dr. Reddy, is made up of a \$6.5 million loan from lending institutions and \$3.5 million from private investors, of which \$1.5 million has been contributed by the promoters — mostly medical men and women — and \$2 million to be offered as public stock as of Dec. 16 on the stock exchanges in India.

"Up to \$600,000 may be invested into the equity by non-resident Indians and by people from the OED countries, on a completely repatriable basis...in the currency invested."

Dr. Reddy has also toured Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar and Bahrain before coming to the Kingdom, where his first stop was Dhahran. The other centers to be visited by him are Riyadh and Jeddah.

Kingdom rushes petroleum supplies; effort aids Sudan's fuel problem

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — King Fahd has given instructions to resolve the fuel problem in Sudan immediately, Ohez reported Sunday. Delivery of oil and petroleum by-products has already begun.

Sudan's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Abdul Latif Dahab Abdul Latif hailed Saudi Arabia's constant assistance to his country. He also said that reports were exaggerated about the deteriorating situation in Sudan. He added that Sudan was facing the same economic problems as any other country of the Third World. Among such problems was

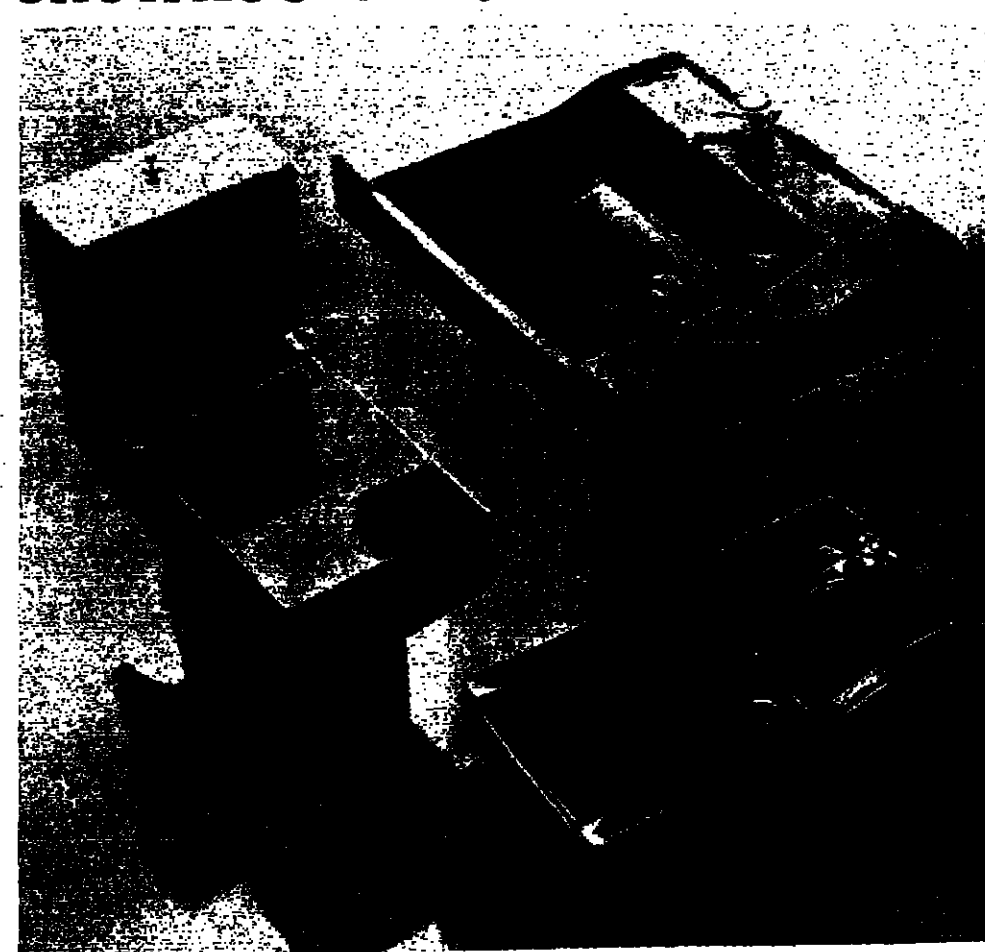
the fuel shortage that hampered public transport.

The ambassador said that students in Sudan were more nervous than the rest of the population, they immediately took to the streets and started causing damage. The government soon controlled the situation and arrested the saboteurs. It closed schools and universities until the return of normalcy. Everything is expected to return to normal very soon when the fuel crisis, has ended thanks to the Kingdom's prompt assistance, according to the ambassador.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	5:24	5:31	5:03	4:53	5:18	5:52
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:15	12:16	11:47	11:34	11:58	12:28
Asr (Afternoon)	3:19	3:15	2:46	2:30	2:54	3:20
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:41	5:36	5:07	4:50	5:14	5:40
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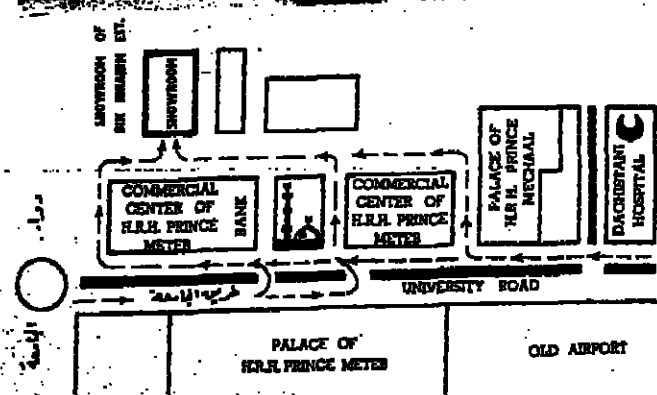
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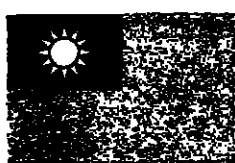
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During the forthcoming twelve month period, the Royal Commission for Jubail & Yanbu intends to solicit competitive proposals for a number of projects at Madinat Al-Jubail Al-Sinaiyah in the following fields:

1. CONSTRUCTION

Site Preparation
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Power & Telecommunications Systems
Roadways
Materials Handling Systems
General Construction
Residential Construction

2. ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

3. OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE of Camps, Utilities, and Transportation Systems

To encourage Saudi companies and establishments' participation in these projects, the Royal Commission has printed a booklet containing all projects intended to be solicited during the current fiscal year which may be obtained from the Procurement Department, Directorate General for Jubail Project at Madinat Al-Jubail Al-Sinaiyah.

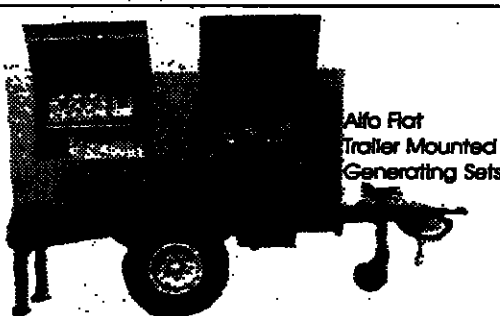
Interested parties in these projects may advise the Royal Commission of their interest in the specific contracts. The Royal Commission Reserves the right to invite those it deems capable of executing the specific contract based on their capabilities, potentialities and interests.

The Royal Commission for Jubail & Yanbu, therefore, urges all companies and establishments interested in the above opportunities to insure that they are currently registered with the Royal Commission, Directorate General for Jubail Project. Registration documents and projects' booklet will be made available upon request from the Procurement Department at the:

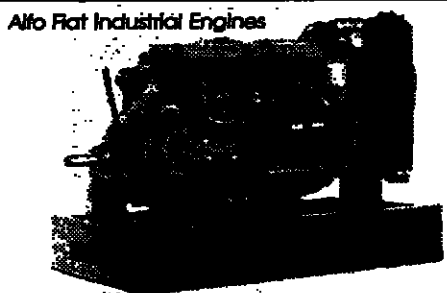
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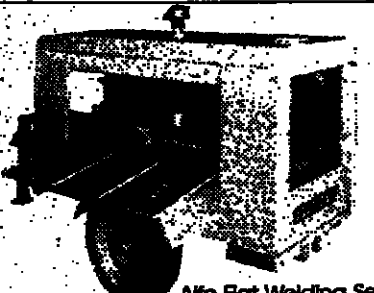
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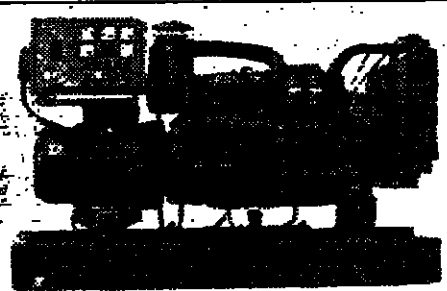
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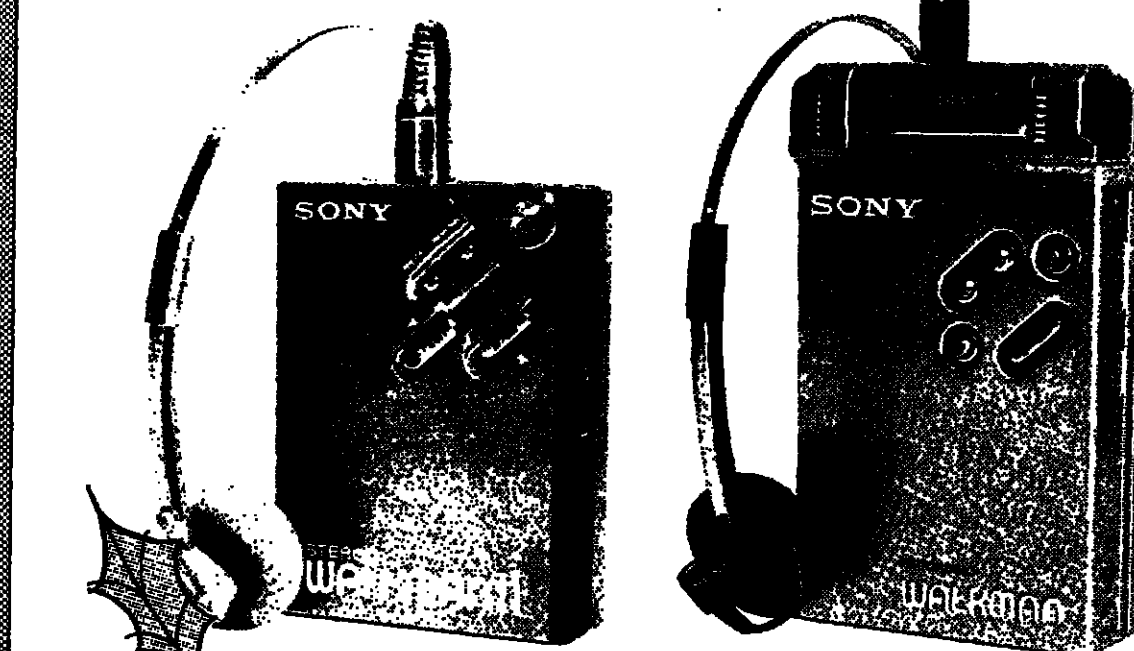
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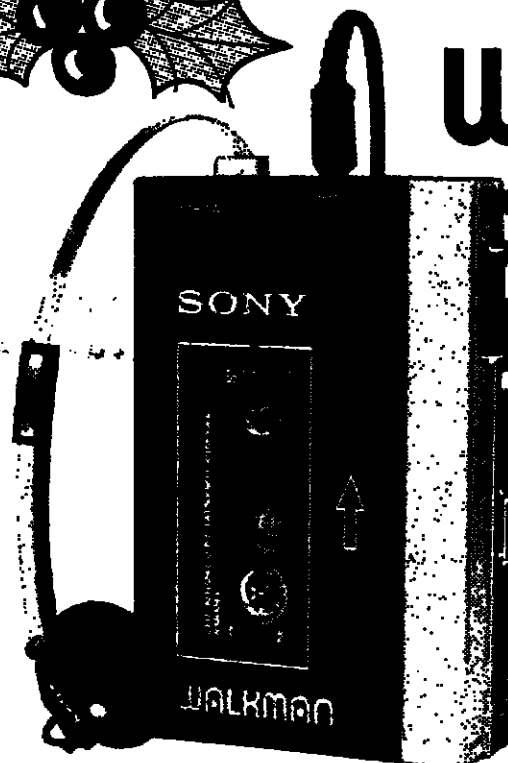
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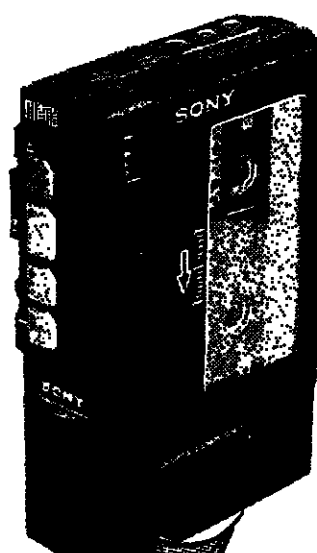


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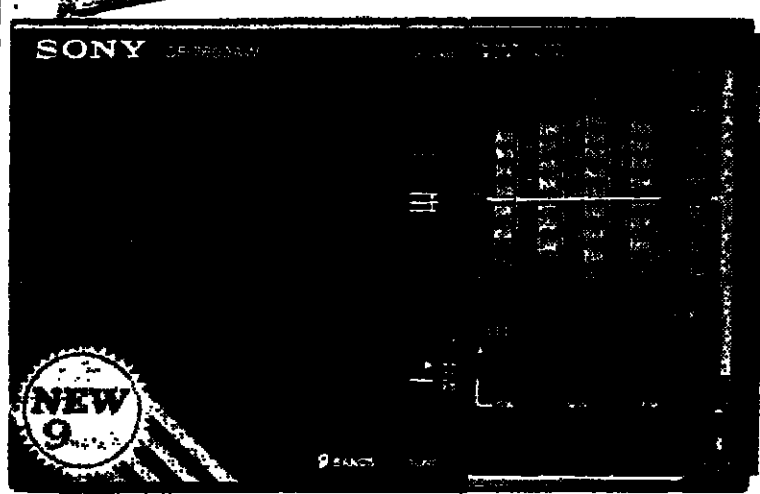
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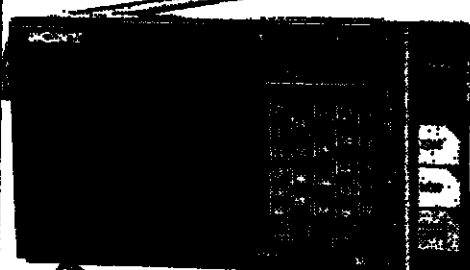
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OPPRESSED HUMANITY

The United Nations debate on human rights has done one important service: it has highlighted the absence of respect for human rights in most countries of the world and varying interpretations given to them.

The member states of the U.N. which signed the charter of human rights have largely ignored their commitment to uphold, defend and engender the sanctity of these rights which seek to preserve the dignity of mankind.

The reason is simple. Most of the member states which deny human rights to their citizens have been imposed by force and continue to maintain their hold by force. Even milder criticism is considered dissidence and opposition calls for swift and cruel punishment until these regimes are toppled the same way they had been established, also by force. It is a vicious circle since the new rulers usually behave the same way as the old ones, and human rights continue to suffer.

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter chose human rights as one of the main planks of his election campaign against Ford. He promised to make the issue part of American foreign policy whatever the consequences. When elected, he cut down aid to some U.S. allies in Africa, and in Latin America.

The policy did not work. Human rights in those countries continued to be abused. They even got worse.

Reagan has discarded that policy and instituted his own selective attitude, using the rights issue as a political tool to favor allies and punish foes. If his allies are guilty of violations, he prefers to look the other side. If others are guilty of transgression, he makes an issue of it and tries to impose sanctions.

In the end, it is the people who suffer, specially in the Third World. The denial of fundamental human rights in the Communist bloc has been institutionalized, it is total and has become a way of life. Tragic but true, some types of dissidence are even diagnosed as manifestations of mental disturbance.

The West is by far the strongest bastion of human rights at home although the status of these rights may vary from one country to the other. Sadly, most of the Third World countries have still a long way to go before any improvement can be detected.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Bilad said Sunday Britain's decision to confer with an Arab League delegation including a PLO representative was the outcome of the Arab solidarity and unity as well as the delegation's ability to create a favorable atmosphere in the European arena for Arab moves to ensure a just and fair peace in the region.

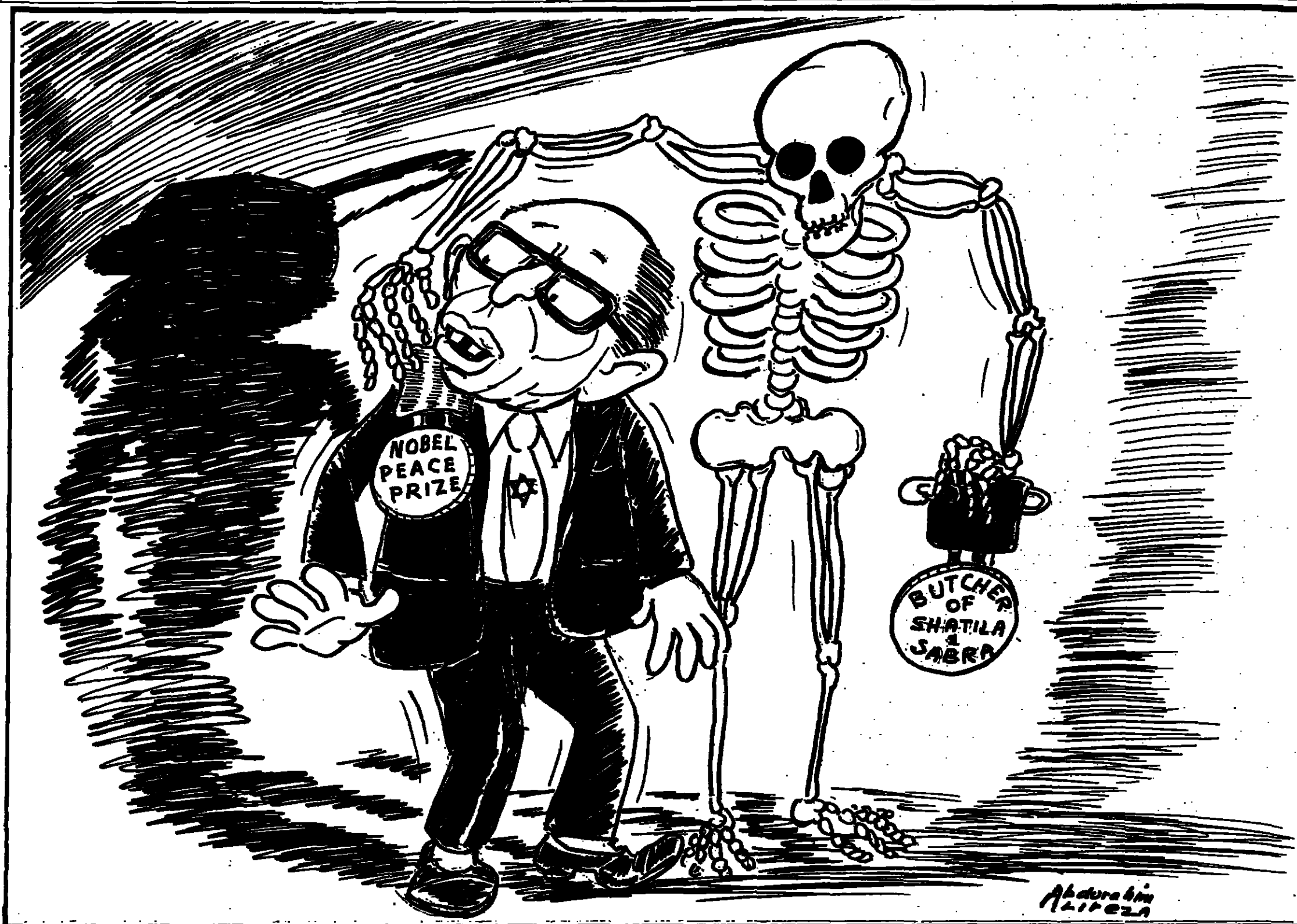
It said the delegation had "achieved good progress in countering the Zionist's anti-Arab campaigns in Europe, which are trying to block Arab peace moves to resolve the Middle East conflict." The paper noted that Western Europe had begun understanding several facts relating to "the importance of achieving peace in the Middle East since Europe's economic and political stability greatly depends on peace and security in the area."

Al-Madina said the current atmosphere was the most favorable one for Arab moves and underlined the significance of a unanimous and collective Arab stand to produce a positive impact on Britain. The paper quoted "retreat shown by British Prime Minister Mrs. Margaret Thatcher is a good example of the Arab unity's impact and influence."

Commenting on the return of U.S. Middle East envoy Philip Habib to the region, **Okaz** said the Arab nation was "fed up with the American slackness in fulfilling the U.S. commitment in Lebanon or putting President Ronald Reagan's peace proposals into practical effect." "The Arab confidence in the U.S. has been shaken by Washington's failure to fulfill its commitments toward Lebanon and the Palestine question," it added.

Al-Riyadh said President Reagan's peace proposals had "some positive aspects, but they lag behind in fulfilling the Arab and Palestinian peoples full legitimate rights." The paper noted that the PLO had "opened many doors to realize a fair and lasting solution for the Arab-Israeli conflict."

The paper said "the PLO has also made flexible moves and shown its readiness to sit at the negotiating table with any acceptable side." "Moreover, Habib's mission this time will be much easier in view of a more favorable atmosphere to deal with the Middle East problem," it added. (SPA)



Spain to consolidate ties with Arab world

By Shawqi Al-Rees
Al Majalla

MADRID — Spain's new Foreign Minister Fernando Moran has reiterated that the Spanish government will consolidate its ties with the Arab states and will not establish any relations with Israel unless the Arab-Israeli conflict is settled and the Palestinian rights are secured.

In an interview with *Al-Majalla*, first ever with an Arabic publication, Moran supported King Fahd's plan and the Fez summit proposal, and said his country was ready to send its troops to Lebanon if it helped in the preservation of stability there.

Asked about a possible new approach by the present Socialist government, the Spanish minister said that his country's foreign policy has long suffered from a negative factor in international relations, which could be called lack of self-confidence. The Spaniards suffered from this complex since the middle of the last century, though, it was further aggravated by the isolated regime of Gen. Franco and helped in widening the gap between Spain and the outside world. In addition, there has been a general weakness in the very structure and activity of those organizations which are supposed to bolster their country's entity outside and develop relations with friendly states and peoples of the world.

Moran said the new government will try to regain self-confidence "to be able to dedicate all our energies in serving the national interests." The government, he added, will exert to consolidate democracy in the country, to work for an international detente and to support a new world economic order.

Replying to a question whether it was easy for Spain to make an exit from the Atlantic Pact, the Spanish foreign minister said his country's policy in regard to NATO has always been very clear. "We are not against this pact; we know that the world balance is today based on the policy of blocs, but we do not support this policy and also do not believe it is necessary for Spain to enter into NATO's military set-up. Furthermore, we do not believe it is necessary to join this organization, as this would not enhance our defense capabilities; on the contrary, it may increase our risks."

However, even without joining the pact, Spain can fulfill the West's needs through bilateral ties and agreements as is the case with France, for instance. But we came to power after Spain had already become a member of this pact, but without joining its military structure. In principle, we shall maintain our stance and will not take any step to join the pact's military wing."

The Spanish minister said, however, that the government will hold a public referendum on this subject. He would not say when this referendum will take place, but added that "we do not want to create any international crisis, nor do we like to add any new factor to threaten our internal stability. We, however, feel that the referendum might be held after a year or two when the circumstances will have become congenial for this purpose." He said that, during this period, Spain would not enter NATO's military wing but will take part in its ministerial meetings in Brussels, without contributing anything toward the policy of blocs in the world.

France, he said, has not joined NATO's military wing and has not made itself subject to the organization's unified command. Spain wishes to pursue, more or less the same line, he added.

When reminded of the promise to open the borders with Gibraltar after coming into power, Moran said that Britain's position after the Falkland crisis became a bit complicated as regards the future of negotiations on Gibraltar. Although British stance has become harder, he believed it would become somewhat flexible as it would be difficult for Britain to maintain its colonial presence for long in places like Gibraltar, Falklands and Hong Kong. "As a Socialist government, we shall insist on our demand for the restoration of Gibraltar's sovereignty to Spain. We believe that a continuous dialogue with Britain is possible and the Socialist government is prepared for negotiations on the basis of the 'Madrid Declaration', at the earliest opportunity."

On Spain's relations with France, the Spanish foreign minister said these relations could not be

considered bad, but they certainly reached the lowest ebb of cooperation. He instanced Spain's agricultural exports to Europe through France, which suffered assaults from French farmers and, consequently, led to an atmosphere replete with hostility toward France on various levels. He also mentioned the (Basque) terror which he described as the "biggest and sole danger to our democracy."

The question of entry into the European Economic Community (EEC) is yet another factor in which France's opposition is prominent, he said, adding that it was earlier believed that Gen. Franco himself was an obstacle and that it would be possible for Spain to join the EEC after his death. "We thought that economic issues were not very significant but we now find that matters have become more difficult and complicated. Due to agricultural problems, France cannot accept our entry into the EEC, unless various reforms are introduced especially in the agricultural policy."

Moran said that Spain believed its problems with France could be solved and, perhaps, these were on the way to a settlement. The French government's recent stance, when it announced a radical shift in its policy toward an assessment of the terrorist operations in Spain and the handing over of terrorists to the Spanish authorities, was a good enough pointer, he added. The minister, however, reiterated that relations between the two countries ought to surpass these limits to incorporate other venues of cooperation, including the stability of the Mediterranean region and cooperation in playing a significant role in finding a solution to the Middle East crisis.

Commenting on the country's successful policy toward the Arabs, Moran said that, irrespective of historical bonds between the Spaniards and the Arabs, a need had always been felt to come out of the diplomatic isolation which had been imposed on the Franco regime in the forties. In 1948, Israel had refused to recognize the Franco regime, which had led to a similar reaction later on. This situation contributed to the consolidation of political relations between Spain and the Arab world.

After Franco's death, the relations were further strengthened as the previous Spanish governments

had continued to work for the reinforcement of Spain's ties with the Arabs. He said that this policy was, however, successful, as some of Spain's stances such as those on the Palestine issue were also adopted by other European states. The Venice Declaration, he said, was very much like the Spanish stance on Palestine.

Moran went on to say that the Palestine issue was not a case of refugees but an issue of a people with their national, historical rights. "As Socialists, we shall continue to reinforce these relations with the Arab states, regardless of their moderate or progressive nature. We shall also continue to insist on the need for finding a solution to the Palestine cause, taking into consideration the recognition of the national and legitimate rights of Palestinians", he said.

When asked whether the Socialists will maintain the old relations and will bring about some change in the method of their approach to Spanish-Arab ties, Moran said "we shall strive to create a change in the approach of our foreign policy in general and our relations with the Arabs in particular." He added that the popular revolutionary support will give further confidence and encouragement to bolster relations with the outside world and to support the just causes. In regard to the Arab world, he said "we shall try to base our policy on deeds and realities and not on words and attitudes." The Spanish society is now increasingly concerned with the Arabs and their contribution to the Spanish civilization. After a long spell of black-out on the components and significance of Islamic civilization in the Spanish history, there is now an increasing interest in these matters, he said.

Moran asserted that his government was not satisfied with the policy of visits and external manifestations. For instance, he said, King Juan Carlos paid visits to some Arab states, which were successful. But this (method) was not pursued effectively later on. "What we propose is not a shift in political objectives, but a new method that would activate our relations with the Arab world", he said.

Replying to a question on Spain's relations with Israel, the foreign minister observed that his country does not follow a policy of recognition or non-

recognition, but a policy of the establishment of relations or otherwise. Spain's stance on Israel, he said, was an old matter dating back to Ben Gurion's period. He had refused to establish ties with Franco and the latter had reciprocated accordingly. Later on, several battles took place and, in consequence, Israel annexed Arab lands. "We are pursuing with great concern the developments in the Arab policy toward the Palestine case. Although it is our view that Spain must have relations with all countries of the world, we cannot, however, accept the results accruing from aggressive policies. We cannot agree that Israel consider all territories occupied by force in 1967 as its own. It is true that the absence of any relations between Spain and Israel narrows the scope of our mediation in this conflict, but if we notice that the Arab-Israeli conflict has reached a positive stage necessitating diplomatic ties with Israel, we shall not take any decision in this behalf before knowing exactly what the attitude of the Arab states would be then. In this context, therefore, we find a significant way to peace in King Fahd's plan and the Fez summit resolutions."

On recent rumors that Lebanon might request Spain to send its forces to strengthen the existing United Nations forces in that country, Moran said it was no more than a mere rumor. But, if such a request comes, he said, "as Socialists and Spaniards, we shall always be ready to extend every help and assistance for the realization of peace in Lebanon. If an official request came from the Lebanese government, Israel would most probably object to the presence of Spanish forces in Lebanon, but this would be Israel's own problem. We shall be ready to study the subject with full concern and, if we really found that the dispatch of Spanish forces to Lebanon would help in the preservation of stability, we would welcome the request", the foreign minister concluded.

Turkish press curbs may stay

ANKARA —

Turkey's military rulers, while preparing to return power to civilians a year from now, have indicated they will not tolerate reporting by the press on sensitive topics.

Istanbul's *Gunesay* newspaper became the fourth major Turkish daily to be punished by a closure order since the September 1980 military takeover when it was shut down for eight days this month. No reason was given by Istanbul's martial law command, but the action is believed to have resulted from a front page story that Turkey would bar goods from France in retaliation against Common Market measures limiting Turkey's textile exports to Europe.

The ruling generals have not introduced overall censorship but deal with the press in a more subtle fashion, which requires considerable cooperation from publishers and editors. Editors practice self-censorship along informal guidelines suggested by the military leaders.

The press survived through previous military interventions in 1960 and 1971 by using this same method. The question now is how the press will fare under the new constitution, which was approved by 91 percent of the Turkish people in a national referendum Nov. 7.

The new document is not much different from the previous 1961 constitution, which also put limits on the press to protect state secrets, privacy of individuals, public morals and national unity. The constitution would not allow any Marxist, fascist or theocratic organization to be established. It is assumed that publications advocating these systems will not be allowed to re-emerge in the foreseeable future.

A week after their bloodless coup, the generals permanently banned radical rightist and leftist dailies. The better known among these were

Politika (pro-Moscow) and *Aydinlik* (pro-Peking). *Aydinlik* writer Lutfi Ofaz served a one-year prison term, having been denied the right of appeal. *Politika's* editor, Aydin Senesen, also received a one-year sentence.

Twelve journalists from more openly Marxist publications received prison terms ranging from two to 14 years. Two other journalists, *Cumhuriyet* columnist Ali Sirmen and writer Atol Behramoglu, are in prison in connection with their membership in the pro-Moscow peace committee. *Azavla*, a weekly put out by former Premier Bulent Ecevit, has been shut down. Ecevit himself has been imprisoned three times for his writings and statements, spending a total of 170 days in military prison. But the military deals differently with Turkey's mass circulation papers which represent center, moderate rightist and moderate leftist views.

Six major Istanbul dailies, all of them with national distribution, and Turkey's largest local paper *Yeni Asir* of Izmir, account for almost all of Turkey's estimated 3 million newspaper circulation. Even when they have strayed from government guidelines, they have been closed only temporarily, for 10 to 12 days.

First to be punished was moderate leftist *Cumhuriyet*, closed two months after the September coup on charges of spreading baseless reports and insulting Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic. In two other instances, distribution of *Cumhuriyet* was banned in parts of Turkey.

Moderate rightist *Tercuman* was closed in October 1981 because of a column by Nazi Ilıcak who was later tried and acquitted. Mrs. Ilıcak is now in prison serving a three-month term because of another editorial. Other *Tercuman* columnists are on trial for their writings and Ergun Goze faces an eight-year prison term if convicted.

Today is Monday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 1982. There are 18 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:
- 1545 — Protestant princes opposing Roman Emperor Charles V meet at Frankfurt, Germany.
- 1780 — Ireland is granted free trade with Britain.
- 1789 — Austrian Netherlands declares its independence as Belgium.
- 1808 — Madrid capitulates to Napoleon Bonaparte.
- 1897 — Russian forces occupy Port Arthur on Yellow Sea.
- 1916 — About 9,000 Austro-Hungarian troops are killed in avalanche in the Alps.
- 1921 — United States, Britain, France and Japan sign Washington Treaty to respect each others' right over possessions in the Pacific.
- 1937 — Japanese troops take Nanking city in China.
- 1959 — United Nations decides not to interfere in the Algeria question.
- 1967 — Military government in Greece crushes counter-coup, and King Constantine flees to Rome with his family.
- 1969 — Britain announces agreement to withdraw all its forces from Libya within next few months.
- 1971 — India sends two brigades into East Pakistan by helicopter to step up its drive to defend remaining Pakistani defenders and to capture the capital Dacca.
- 1972 — U.S. Apollo 17 astronauts, on last U.S. moon mission, unveil plaque on lunar surface dedicated to peace.
- 1975 — Portugal announces it is willing to grant independence to Madeira and the Azores.

Thought for today:

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer someone else up — Mark Twain, U.S. writer (1835-1910).

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Lost Honor -- 3

British journalist pushing Nixon down

In the wake of Watergate, Congress asserted its grip on the federal budget. The implications of the 1974 Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act will be felt by presidents for many years to come. Under the powers of that law, Congress can virtually neutralize the president's budgetary powers, as well as strip him of his option not to spend. Richard Nixon's frequent use of this fund-impoundment power had particularly rankled the Congress.

While the change certainly does not signal a diminishing of the president's powers, it does suggest a balance, a renewal of the checks. After Watergate, Congress was forced to admit that it had allowed too much to go on in the White House for too long.

I had barely unpacked...and settled into the routine of being back home, when Watergate again began pulling at my life with almost daily calls from journalists. The reason: the Nixon-Frost interviews. British journalist, television host, and entrepreneur David Frost had spent twenty hours interviewing Richard Nixon, and had edited the material into four 90-minute shows. Reporters wanted everything from an agreement to televise me watching the show, to my coming to a television studio to do an after-air analysis, plus they had never-ending questions: What did I think of Nixon's making a million bucks from the show? Why did I think Nixon was doing it? Would he come clean at last?

While I was curious about what Nixon might do, I refused all requests to get involved, or to speculate on Richard Nixon's potential performance.

I'm not sure what I expected, but when the show finally began, it was de ja vu. Nixon looked good, tanned, relaxed a bit grayer than when president, jowls more accentuated by age — yet good. Very much in command of the situation, I thought.

I was pleased that Frost was prepared, evidencing a solid understanding of Watergate, and even possessing information that was not yet in the public domain, although the impeachment committee and special prosecutors had the tapes he was using to undercut Nixon's canned responses. Nixon was clearly shaken, stunned and shocked at what was happening.

Nixon kept clinging to his argument that while he had done certain things that might appear to others to be illegal, he, Nixon, did not have the requisite illegal intent to make them a crime. Nixon was playing on what he hoped would be Frost's nonlegal background, and when Frost began quoting and paraphrasing the obstruction of justice statute, Nixon was on the ropes.

Suddenly, the old Nixon was all over the television screen, displaying those facial reflexes that everyone had witnessed so often before when the man was unable to handle the truth — eyelids fluttering, voice stuttering, syntax disintegrating, facial expressions frozen, smiles forced and condescending, the familiar band of sweat crowding the upper lip. He was "hanging tough," but the performance reeked of a guilty man.

I had read that Frost had not delved into questioning Nixon on Watergate until the last of his interview sessions, although he was airing the Watergate conversation first. Midway through the program, it was clear that Frost had broken Nixon on Watergate, confronted him with the facts he couldn't get around, and was pushing the former president down, down, down. By the time Nixon reached the explanation of his resignation, I wondered if the watching Americans might be taking offense at this Brit pushing their former president into showing his disgrace. It was difficult not to feel sympathy for this tragic man telling of his fall.

Most viewers, I was sure, would recognize that this performance was vintage Nixon — a la the Checkers speech, who confessed, "I let down the country...Yep, I let the American people down, and I have to carry that burden with me for the rest of my life. My political life is over..." But Nixon is never out of control, so he added along the way, "Technically, I did not commit a crime, an impeachable offense..."

The show closed with Nixon's greatest admission of guilt: "I made so many bad judgments," which he qualified as "mistakes of the heart," rather than of the head.

Frankly, I felt revulsion, not sympathy, by the time he had finished. What a burden, indeed, this man must carry. I thought, living his life out trying to pull the wool over the world's eyes. He's incapable of seeing himself as he is. I decided, maybe Dr. Abrahamson was correct.

I listened to the tape I'd made of his interview, and I realized that Nixon had admitted more than he probably realized; for, in fact, he had confessed to obstruction of justice, even if he didn't choose to call it that. Again I felt the man just isn't as smart as people think he is. He pretends to be more intelligent than he possesses, and the reason he doesn't see his activities as criminal or impeachable is that he's incapable of comprehending it all. He's mixed his self-serving, defensive emotions into his thinking, and it's clouded it all so badly that he'll never understand.

I knew that June 17, 1982 would mark ten years since the Watergate break-in, and each passing month was bringing me closer to the decade past. Although I was sure time had softened its impact, I had never been able to drive a stake through the heart of the monster, and I wondered if the inevitable reunion would be another haunting experience.

By November of 1981 I had already received four requests to participate in the "tenth anniversary" of Watergate. Two magazine editors had requested I write articles on the subject of "Watergate-ten years later." Another had requested an interview. Finally, a television producer had tracked me down with a proposal of a documentary looking back on the significance of Watergate.

As the years distanced me from the events of Watergate, and gave greater balance to my perspective, the clearest truth I could see was that, of the many things it was, it was above all else a media event. As such, it was only fitting that the media jump on this irresistible opportunity to round up the Class of '72. It was an excuse for them to have at it again — despite the fact that they had celebrated the

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NIXON WITH TROOPS: "The many facets of his (Nixon's) personality make him difficult to understand."

"fifth anniversary" less than three years before.

As the phantasm of Watergate loomed nearer, I found myself being forced to think about it anew: what perspective should it be viewed from ten years later? Given the magnitude of the event in recent history, I was relatively certain I could predict much of what "could" be said, and what "would" be said. For me, it became a question of what "should" be said. And that was very clear, just as it was clear I would have to say something.

It has always been evident to me that the fact that Watergate was discovered at all — that it became known that the men under Liddy's direction had entered the Watergate complex — was an accident. First, there was the bungling of the tape on the door, which the security guard discovered by pure chance. When he telephoned for the police, another accident occurred. The call went out for a patrol car to investigate the burglary in progress, but there were no patrol cars in the vicinity of the Watergate building. There was, however, a car containing undercover vice/drug-squad officers, who were about to take a coffee break. They told the dispatcher that they would check out the call, and proceeded to the Watergate office building. When those nonuniformed policemen pulled up in front of the Watergate in their unmarked car, Liddy's lookout man across the street in the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge saw them, but they did not look like policemen, so he gave no alert. Thus, a second accident resulted in the arrests of the burglars.

The next morning the city editor of *The Washington Post* assigned Woodward and Bernstein to the story. It is not necessary to proceed story by story through *The Washington Post* to make the point; but as someone who was in the White House at the time, I can say without equivocation that not one story written by Woodward and Bernstein for *The Washington Post*, from the time of the arrest on June 17, 1972, until the election in November 1972, gave anyone in the Nixon White House or the re-election committee

the slightest concern that "Woodstein" was on to the real story of Watergate.

No, the press never cracked the case. Only Sy Hersh came close. It was later, in the spring of 1973, when the story had all but disappeared from the news, that the entire mess fell apart. It started crumbling with L. Patrick Gray's confirmation hearings to become director of the FBI. Watergate collapsed of its own weight — because it was a complex criminal conspiracy and all the key conspirators were unhappy to find themselves a part of it. It wasn't until Watergate had begun to disintegrate in full view of the public that the press began treating it as a major story.

Because so many "big name" reporters missed the Watergate story, which had to be a professional embarrassment to many of these very able and learned journalists, they later reacted with anger and distrust of those they were covering, as I discovered when I talked with a representative cross-section of these reporters at the outset of Jimmy Carter's presidency. No longer were a president and his top advisers given the benefit of the doubt in carrying out their duties, but they were presumed to be doing wrong until they proved otherwise. An angry news media had shifted the burden and presumptions of propriety in high office because of Watergate.

Jimmy Carter's candidacy and presidential campaign were designed to appeal to the public "anti-Washington" feelings in the wake of Watergate. Most political pundits and press felt that Carter was elected because of the mood of the country after Watergate — that Watergate actually elected Carter. I think the facts also show that Watergate was Jimmy Carter's undoing, as well, and that he was the third president to lose his job because of Watergate, thus following Nixon and Ford.

In the wake of Watergate the news media unfairly smeared the Carter presidency, pointing it with repeated false charges. While some reporters will discuss the unfair treatment that Jimmy Carter received, most will not. Unfortunately for Jimmy Carter, that recognition came with his defeat. And with

Ronald Reagan's election, a new attitude emerged.

Why there was a change of feeling is not clear. Shortly after Reagan's inauguration, I shared a lecture platform with syndicated columnist Jack Anderson, who specializes in nastiness toward any and all White House incumbents. I had noticed that Anderson had become very gentle with Reagan, so before we went out before the audience I asked him why he and so many of his colleagues were being so nice, nicer than usual even during the "honeymoon" period accorded most presidents.

"The press was tough on Carter, no doubt about it," Jack said. "It's not good to be negative all the time, so I think Reagan's going to get a break. Enough time has passed since Watergate, and Reagan seems like a decent fellow, so he shouldn't have the same problems Carter did." Another reporter, after the assassination attempt on Reagan, told me, "After what Reagan's been through, there was no way the press could jump on him. So what happened is that slowly, because of the passage of time, we're getting back to a normal relationship between the press and the president."

And as the tenth anniversary of Watergate approached, I was determined to make a serious effort to solve the Deep Throat mystery. Over the years I had amassed considerable material on the subject, and I was sure that a quick review would be helpful in completing the puzzle.

Back in 1978, when my initial search for Deep Throat had begun in earnest, I had read and reread *All the President's Men*, preparing elaborate and detailed index cards for every bit of information in the book relating to Woodward's friend. In the process, I had relied on several working assumptions for my search.

First, I was inclined to accept Woodward's word for it when he told me — as he had Hays Corey and others — that his source was a single person, not a composite character. Thus I assumed there really was a Deep Throat.

Second, I did not think, from my reading of Woodward's and Bernstein's book, that Deep Throat was as omniscient as some felt he was. But, based on what he appears to have known, I concluded he was probably either someone in a high position, or someone in a unique position to get information.

Third, whoever it was clearly had access to the FBI's investigation of Watergate, for much of Deep Throat's information was minutia and gossip about the investigation, rather than hard or major facts explaining the full dimensions of Watergate. But, obviously, Woodward's source was following the progress of the Watergate investigation on a regular basis, with access to information on a regular basis, and seldom did Deep Throat appear to have information before the FBI had it.

Based on these assumptions, I had prepared a chart of potential operating bases for Deep Throat within the executive branch, which Woodward states is where his source was located. The chart listed: the White House, the Department of Justice, the United States attorney's office, the FBI and the Secret Service.

The next step had required many more hours than I had anticipated, but the extra effort was vital. I had sought to ascertain, as closely as possible, the time that Woodward received information from Deep Throat. This was done, in part by a close reading of *All the President's Men*, for the authors in most instances supplied the dates, although not always directly. In other instances, I found the dates by reviewing the actual *Washington Post* articles Woodward and Bernstein had written. Fortunately, I had saved almost all of the *Post* articles.

The most important step of this earlier investigation had been determining who "could" have had the information that Deep Throat gave Woodward at the times Woodward says he received it.

To make this determination, I had proceeded index card by index card with the summaries of information that Deep Throat had passed to Woodward. On the back of the card I placed the names of those I knew, from my own knowledge, had the information. Next, I read the testimony of anybody I felt could add insight, for I had collected the testimony of numerous people in many of the countless investigations connected with Watergate. These ranged from testimony before the Senate and House investigations of abuses in the FBI and CIA, to numerous confirmation hearings, to testimony before the Senate Watergate committee that I had never read. The effort was productive, for I found suggestions about who knew what — and when.

(To be continued)



Former Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith

Smith seeks solace on his cattle ranch

By John Edlin

SHURUGWI, Zimbabwe (AP) — Former Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith, stinging from the stormiest weeks of his 34-year political career, escaped from the capital of Harare this week to seek "solace and sanity" on his 2,400-hectare ranch in the rolling green Zimbabwe midlands.

"My best times have always and always will be getting away from it all to Glenoro," he said of his ranch near Shurugwi (formerly Selukwe) 250 kilometers south of Harare.

Smith, 63, who was the last white prime minister of the British colony of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) from 1964 to 1978, sipped strong tea in the covered veranda of the rambling white-washed house he bought 35 years ago. He spoke about the struggle that has put him back on the front pages of the world's newspapers.

Accused of anti-government criticism by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, his chief foe in a seven-year guerrilla war, Smith has twice been detained and questioned by police.

His Glenoro ranch and two-story town house in the fashionable Harare suburb of Belgravia have been searched and private papers and diaries from his days as premier removed. His Zimbabwe passport has been confiscated. And police have removed six sporting rifles and pistols from the ranch-house, leaving Smith and his wife Janet with "no protection" against armed anti-government dissidents blamed for murdering some 50 whites this year alone, he said.

Mugabe, state-controlled newspapers, radio and television and both black and white politicians have attacked Smith for allegedly urging the West to halt aid and investment to the black Socialist government.

Smith acknowledged telling American reporters on a recent visit to the United States that since Zimbabwe's independence from Britain in April 1980, standards in education, health and law and order have fallen. He said he also spoke of human rights violations, including the alleged torture of people

detained as suspected spies, saboteurs and subversives without trial.

But Smith insisted that in discussions with reporters, U.S. State Department officials, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and British Conservative Party members of parliament in London, he consistently urged the West to step up aid and investment in Africa's newest nation to prevent it becoming a one-party Marxist dictatorship.

Smith came under fire from all quarters despite strenuous denials about what he had allegedly said. "The man has done enough damage to Zimbabwe already and should be allowed no further quarter," a white Zimbabwean wrote to the *Harare Herald* newspaper Thursday.

"To go on about infringements of human rights and to fulminate publicly abroad about the dangers of a Marxist one-party state is a bit of a sick joke from the man who stood against the world in a cause of a one-race state and locked up people in droves to defend it," the *Guardian* commented in an editorial in London.

Smith, a British Royal Air Force fighter pilot in World War II, shrugged off the attacks as he walked round the ranch this week with his wife and three visitors. "Worse things happened," he added, perhaps referring to the time when his spitfire was shot down and he underwent delicate plastic surgery, which has left him with a slightly twisted face and drooping left eye.

Smith, wearing a gnarled stick and wearing his favorite floppy cotton khaki bush-hat over a shock of white hair, strolled through white geese, plump turkeys and Guinea fowls to the pride of his ranch among a herd of hump-backed cows and bulls.

Smith's lined face, more tired than his years, creased into a rare smile of satisfaction as he finished the tour with his guests at a dirt airstrip beside the house. "It doesn't matter what they (the government) do to me or say about me, I have no intention of leaving," he said. "And I will continue to urge whites to stay in the country."

Kenya's code of conduct

By Alastair Matheson

NAIROBI (LOS) — Kenya is to have a code of conduct that will regulate the behavior of everyone in the country, foreigners included. Twelve persons, including two women, have been appointed by President Daniel arap Moi to produce the code, plus a list of disciplinary measures for those who break it.

One of the main aims of the code will be to root out corruption, a source of enormous discontent in the country and undoubtedly one of the causes of the failed coup last August. Announcing the code, President Moi confirmed for the first time the real extent of high-level corruption, smuggling, misuse of authority and plain dishonesty in Kenya.

He declared: "Regrettably some persons in authority, others in responsible positions and even those in middle and lower-level positions have, out of greed and selfishness, exploited the general public through misappropriations, corrupt practices, blackmail

and bribery. "Such people are blatantly undermining our objectives. The government has, therefore, an obligation to ensure that there are equal opportunities for all citizens and to eliminate such anti-social behavior."

Corruption has been the Kenyan malaise since independence 20 years ago but attempts to curb it have always ended in failure due to pressures brought on parliamentarians. Parliamentary motions seeking a ceiling to be placed on the amount of land owned by one individual, efforts to secure a more equitable distribution of wealth and even the attempt by a parliamentary committee to investigate corruption have all come to nothing.

In 1975, immediately after the assassination of an MP who had campaigned strongly for a fairer distribution of wealth, a parliamentary select committee was set up to investigate corruption. It died mysteriously before calling even one witness, its apparent error being to demand that public leaders disclose all their assets before giving evidence.

Subsequent efforts in other quarters, including the ruling party, the Kenya African National Union, to get ministers to declare their wealth and how they came by it have come to nothing. In spite of numerous allegations in the press, few corruption cases involving prominent people have ever come to court. Nonetheless, the government always insisted — until now — that the judiciary had sufficient powers to prevent such crimes.

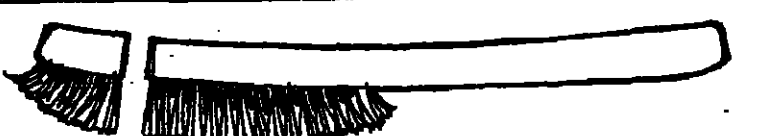
One of the oddest loopholes in Kenyan law is a provision whereby even the most senior civil servants are entitled to run private businesses. This has led to many cases of conflict of interest but the Ndegwa Commission, which endorsed the idea 16 years ago, justified it on the grounds that the more experienced and efficient civil servants would simply quit the government for more lucrative jobs in the private sector if they lost this "incentive."

The code of conduct committee is headed by Bethuel Gecaga, who since independence has been chairman of a multinational tobacco enterprise. There are three churchmen on the committee. The only white member is the Scots-born wife of Kenya's chief justice, Mrs. Hilda Simpson. The other female member is a champion of women's rights, the nominated MP Mrs. Edda Gachukia. The committee does not include any civil servants, top party officials or even cabinet ministers.

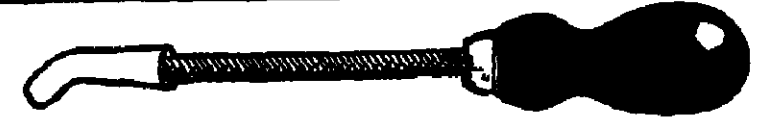
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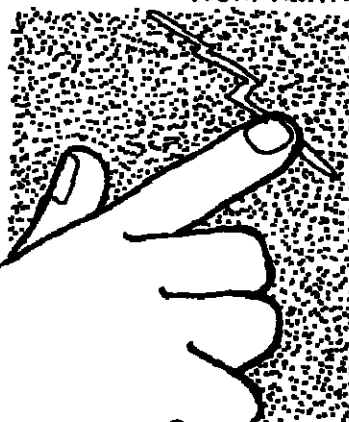


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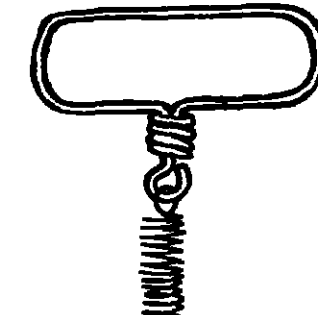


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Lawyer challenges Kohl's election plan

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Dec. 12 (AFP) — A West German lawyer has challenged the constitutionality of early elections sought by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, before the Constitutional Court here, the country's highest tribunal. The lawyer, Oskar Redelberger, more specifically asked for an injunction against any move to dissolve the parliament ahead of its normal end of the tenure in 1984.

From a concern with maximum stability of government, the West German constitution gave neither the head of state nor the chief of government the prerogative of dissolving the two chambers at his discretion. So there are only elections when the parliamentarians' mandate has run out, except in one case — when a majority votes a motion of no-confidence in the cabinet.

Kohl and his party, when taking over on Oct. 1 from Socialist Chancellor Helmut Schmidt after he was deserted by his Liberal allies, said they would seek early elections next March, so as to have their legitimacy confirmed by popular vote.

To obtain the election, the chancellor has mapped out a scenario following which next **3 Peru bridges blasted**

LIMA, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Three bridges on the Rio Pampas in southeast Peru were dynamited, apparently by guerrillas, stranding hundreds of vehicles and cutting off several villages in the high Andes, a reliable source said.

The principal bridge wiped out was a 70-meter span linking the village of Ayacucho and the Andes departments of Cuzco and Apurimac. The source said the bridge would take three months and \$500,000 to rebuild.

Friday a no-confidence motion will be proposed in parliament. His own supporters, who with their new liberal friends command a comfortable majority, will abstain. Since the Socialist opposition is bound to vote "no confidence," the motion will actually be carried, thus paving the way for a dissolution and the ensuing obligation of new elections.

Lawyer Redelberger's motives in challenging the legality of this course of action were not known, but observers speculated he may just be a stickler irked by what would be construed as a violation of the sanctity of the constitution. In announcing his move with the country's Supreme Court, Redelberger also said that several hundred voters would file a petition with the same body asking the election to be ruled out.

Soviet woman allowed to leave

PARIS, Dec. 12 (R) — Tatyana Lozansky, daughter of a three-star Soviet general, arrived in France Saturday night after a six-year campaign to be allowed to leave the Soviet Union and join her ex-husband in the United States, airport sources said.

"I'd like to fly to Washington tomorrow," she was quoted as saying after arriving at Charles de Gaulle Airport on a regular Air France flight from Moscow. Her 11-year-old daughter, also called Tatyana, was with her.

Eduard Lozansky was allowed to leave the Soviet Union in 1976 and is now a university researcher in the United States. But Mrs. Lozansky, 30, was told several times until this year that she would never be allowed to leave the country, partly because of her family connections.



LITTLE FISHING: A boy in an Illinois city tries a little fishing from his front steps with his dog after flood waters from the Little Calumet River rose following heavy rains during the week.

China plans to send students abroad

PEKING, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Communist China plans to send 15,000 students abroad for further studies during the 1981-1985 sixth five-year plan, the New China News Agency (NCNA) announced Sunday. Leaving at the rate of 3,000 yearly, the students would study mostly natural sciences and technology, areas where China is lagging.

The sixth five-year plan, finalized two years behind schedule, was presented to the National People's Congress (NPC) or Chinese parliament last Friday.

Some 12,000 students have left China for

studies abroad since 1978. According to the official press, only a third have returned so far. The most popular destination is the United States where 8,000 students are studying at the state's or their own expense.

Recent press commentaries, stressing the need for Chinese students to return home after completion of their studies, suggest that a number of them might be attempting to prolong their stay overseas.

U.S. diplomats here challenge reports from Washington that over 1,000 Chinese Students have asked for political asylum in the United States.

Tass indicates trouble in finding cosmonauts

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (AP) — Dense fog and snow hampered the recovery of Soviet cosmonauts Valentin Lebedev and Anatoly Berezhovoy when they returned to earth after history's longest space flight, Tass reported.

The latest report on the recovery was in sharp contrast to what Tass said shortly after the two cosmonauts returned to earth Friday night after 211 days in space. The initial report said the weather was good, the temperature minus 15 Celsius (5 F), the wind moderate and clouds light and thin.

But on Saturday, Tass said there were problems. "All of a sudden, dense fog covered the steppe and it began to snow. This made more difficult the search for the landing apparatus of the Soyuz T-7 spaceship and the evacuation of the cosmonauts."

"Doing justice to the ballistics, it should be pointed out that their calculations were very accurate, and the difference between the calculated landing point and the area where the apparatus actually landed did not exceed several kilometers."

Tass said the cosmonauts were removed from the landing site overhead instead of by helicopter because of the fog. It said a vehicle with a "special salon for rest" was used for the first leg of the journey to the Baikonur space center and that the record-shattering spacemen spent their first night in that transport craft.

Doctors, Tass said, found the cosmonauts in good health, both having a normal pulse rate of 72 beats per minute immediately after their return. Berezhovoy's blood pressure was 120 over 90, while Lebedev's was 120 over 80, both in the normal range, Tass said.

After spending the night in the overland vehicle, a helicopter took the spacemen to Dzhezkazgan in Kazakhstan, 190 kilom-

eters to the east. The pair was met there by Alexsei Leonov, the deputy head of the cosmonaut training center. They flew by helicopter from Dzhezkazgan to Baikonur where Berezhovoy and Lebedev were fired into space on May 13.

"Yesterday my friends were captives of weightlessness, and today they are captives of medicine," Leonov said. "Comprehensive medical checkups and early readaptation are the most important things now. The cosmonauts should get back to their normal way of life."

Tass quoted physician Anatoly Yegorov as saying he was "satisfied with our space patients" and that initial medical checks made him "confident that weightlessness will be conquered."

Berezhovoy and Lebedev, both 40, exceeded by nearly a month the old space endurance record of 185 days set in 1980 by countrymen Leonid Popov and Valery Ryumin.

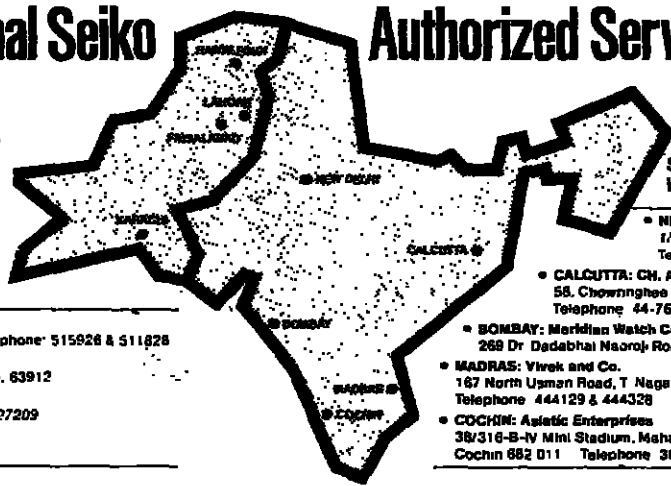
Thai protester killed

BANGKOK, Dec. 12 (R) — A student leader who helped organize student and labor union opposition to protest bus fare increases in Bangkok last month was shot dead a week ago by a lone gunman, police said Sunday. Montchai Soranakhom, 22, was killed while he was walking at night near his mother's home they said, quoting eyewitnesses.

News of his death follows a human rights report presented to Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda last week charging that officials sanctioned "death squads" were believed responsible for the murder and mysterious disappearance of 43 persons including community workers and journalists over the past two years.

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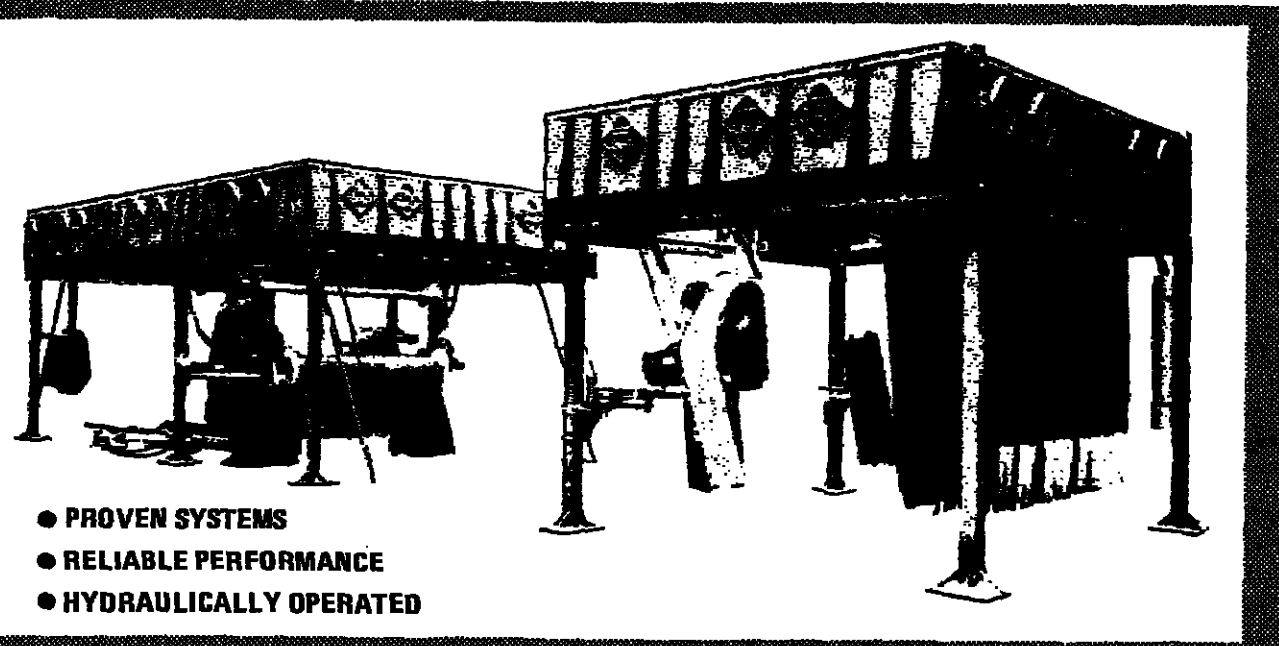
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Denies arms help to neighboring guerrillas

U.S. doesn't want peace--Castro

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Cuban President Fidel Castro charged Saturday that there is no peace in Central America, Africa or the Middle East "because the United States doesn't want it." Cuba's official Prensa Latina news agency said.

In a sharply worded speech, Prensa Latina said the Cuban leader charged that what the Reagan administration wants are "regimes that massacre indigenous peoples, as in Guatemala, murder workers, as in El Salvador, and contrive the causes of death like that of 75 children killed when a Nicaraguan helicopter fell because of enemy action."

Radio Moscow earlier reported that the crash of a giant Soviet helicopter Thursday in Nicaragua was caused by "gunmen operating from bases in Honduras," although Nicaraguan officials have indicated the crash was an "accident."

Eighty-four persons, mostly children between one and four-year-olds, were killed in the crash, officials said Saturday. "Imperialism is responsible for the permanent crisis in Central America," Castro was quoted as saying in the Prensa Latina dispatch, monitored here.

The news agency said Castro described reports that the Soviet Union is supplying war materials to leftist guerrillas fighting U.S.-backed regimes in Central America as "one of Washington's greatest lies."

The Cuban news agency said Castro lamented that there are "some ignorant people in the world who make propaganda of this imperialist idea."

Castro accused U.S. President Ronald Reagan of having said that socialism should "disappear from the face of the earth." Prensa Latina said. He apparently did not specify when or where the remark was made, but Prensa Latina quoted him as saying, "since Adolph Hitler, similar phraseology has not been heard."

Castro also denied that his regime has secretly funneled Soviet-block weapons to leftist guerrillas fighting U.S.-backed governments in Central America, Prensa Latina said.

The government news agency quoted Castro as saying the export of Soviet arms sent to Cuba is strictly forbidden under terms of the Soviet-Cuban military aid agreement. "We keep our agreements," Prensa Latina quoted Castro as saying.

The agency said Castro described as "absurd" reports that Cuba has supplied Soviet military hardware to Central American guerrillas.

Of El Salvador, he was quoted as saying, "its pro-American military regime wouldn't last five minutes in power" if the guerrillas fighting to overthrow it were equipped with Soviet weapons.

Referring to Angola and Algeria, however, Castro acknowledged that Cuba had provided direct military assistance because of "special situations" in those countries. Prensa Latina said, Castro spoke at a military ceremony marking the 26th anniversary of his journey from Mexico to Cuba in a small boat called the "Granma" to start the revolution that brought him to power.

Castro refused to confirm or deny recent reports by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) that Cuba had increased the number of its troops in Angola from 20,000 to 30,000. "I'm not going to say whether that's true or false," he said. "But if we did that, it would have simply been a matter of living up to our obligations. In the teeth of imperialist threats, you can't give up an inch."

Nun highlights plight of refugees

ATLANTA, Dec. 12 (AP) — Thousands of refugees fleeing violence in El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua illustrate the turmoil in Central America, a nun who recently returned from Nicaragua said Saturday.

"I think one of the things that we don't hear very much about is the refugee problem in Central America," said Peggy Healy of the Maryknoll Sisters. "Thousands of people have been displaced and are in refugee centers throughout Central America," the sister told conferees here at the International Conference on Central America and the Caribbean Basin, which ended Saturday.

"Thousands are streaming into Mexico and the other countries of Central America — even some coming to the United States — to try to escape the political violence which is being thrust upon them by their governments," she said, adding that innocent people along Nicaragua's border with Honduras have been tortured and killed.



THE END OF ILLUSION: Premier Rene Levesque says Canada's Supreme Court ruling last week that Quebec has never had a veto over constitutional change is "the end of all illusions" about the duality of Canada. Quebec has been fighting for a separate status.

Fanfani government wins trust vote

ROME, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Premier Amintore Fanfani's four-party coalition won its first parliamentary test Saturday with a 176-116 victory on a confidence vote in the Senate. The Chamber of Deputies, the lower house, is expected to vote on the motion next week.

The Christian Democrat premier and his party's coalition with the Socialists, Liberals and Social Democrats are expected to easily win the vote in the lower house because the control 53 percent of the parliamentary seats.

Fanfani, now heading his fifth government and a former president of the Senate, was

named by President Sandro Pertini to form Italy's 43rd postwar government after Republican Premier Giovanni Spadolini's five-party coalition fell in November.

Introducing his government to parliament Friday, Fanfani called for an austerity budget with cuts in government spending for health, education and defense. The 74-year-old Fanfani said that his government still supports NATO plans to station 112 of the 572 new Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Italy.

His plans also included reduced military spending by trimming \$680 million from the \$9,000 million budget proposed by the Defense Ministry.

Marcos orders speedy trial for journalists

MANILA, Dec. 12 (AP) — President Ferdinand Marcos ordered a speedy trial for 11 jailed journalists accused of subversion after the military told Marcos it had a "strong case" against the reporters, the presidential palace announced.

The announcement did not mention, however, earlier government, television and radio reports that Marcos had also told the military to study the possibility of releasing the journalists after their formal arraignment in a civilian court Monday. According to the reports, Marcos said the release would enable the journalists "to prepare for trial."

"Let's see what happens after the arraignment," Information Minister Gregorio Cendana replied when asked in a telephone interview about earlier reports the journalists might be placed under house arrest. They are currently held in a military stockade.

Cendana said he was not aware the government media had made any such reports and added the announcement he issued Saturday was "the latest and the right one." Jose Burgos, editor and publisher of the tri-weekly opposition tabloid newspaper *We Forum*, and nine of his staffers and columnists were arrested Tuesday after government troops raided the paper's suburban Manila office.

The government claimed they had linked up with Communist insurgents. Saturday's announcement said they were participants in a "sustained plot to discredit, insult and ridicule the president to such an extent that it would inspire his assassination and his assassins welcomed as heroes and liberators."

Gromyko to visit Bonn

BONN, Dec. 12 (K) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko will pay an official two-day visit to Bonn starting on Jan. 16, the West German government said Sunday. The visit will be the first by a high-ranking Soviet politician since Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right government took office two months ago.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher invited Gromyko to visit Bonn when he went to Moscow for Leonid Brezhnev's funeral last month. Diplomatic sources in Bonn said the U.S.-Soviet negotiations in Geneva to limit medium-range nuclear missiles can be expected to play a major part in the talks between Gromyko and his West German hosts.

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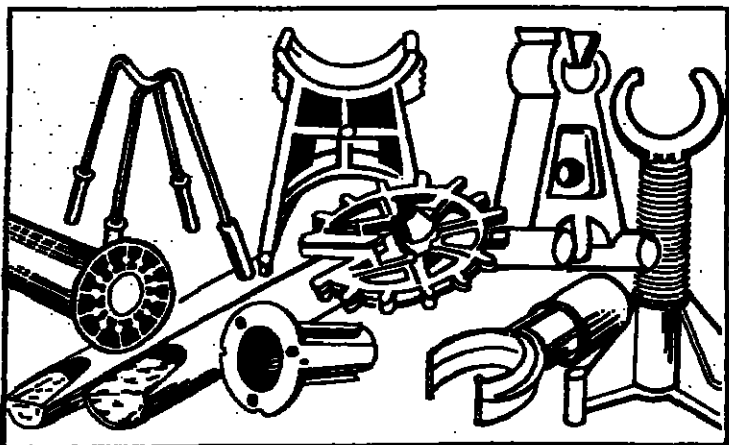
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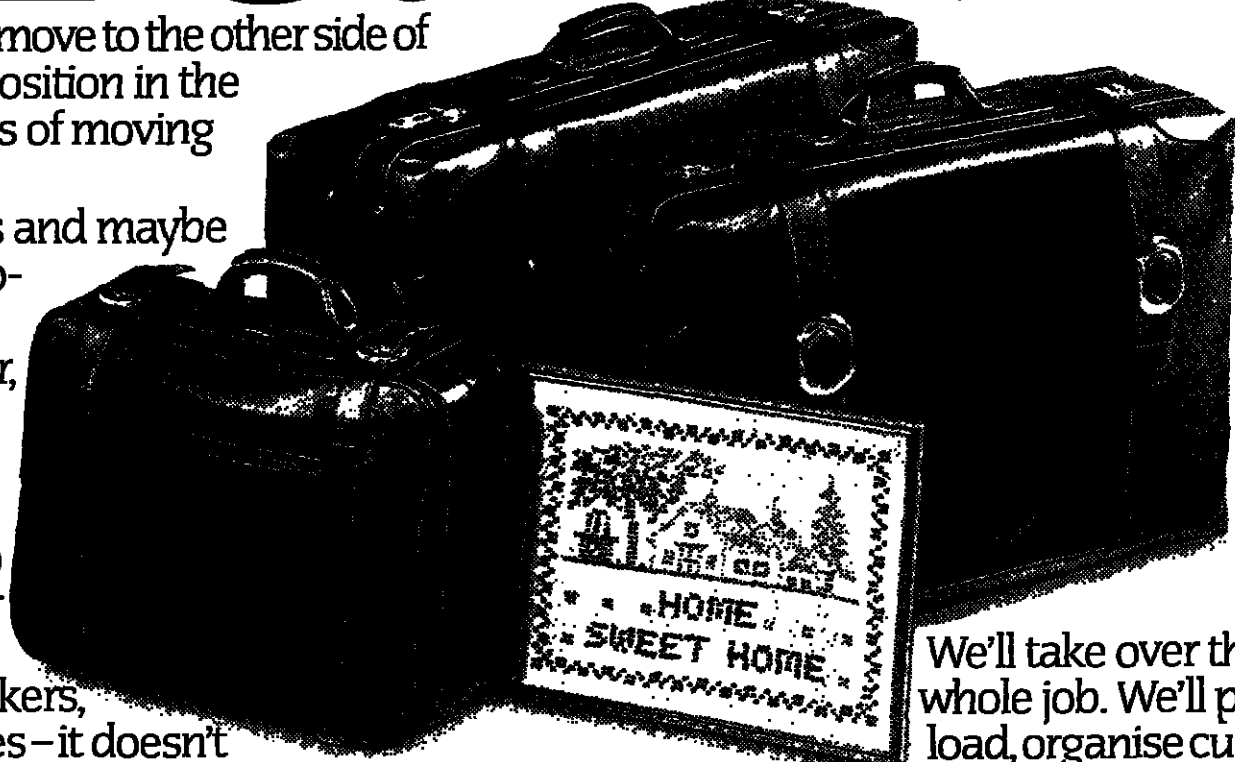
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Prodigal England bows to Germans

Goals galore in Esanda hockey

MELBOURNE, Dec. 12 (AFP) — A total of 21 goals in three matches were scored on the third day of the Esanda 10-nation (field) Hockey Tournament in scorching heat here Sunday.

The biggest victory was achieved by the Netherlands, who defeated the China 8-0. Despite being without three of their leading players, Ties Kurize, Tim Steens and Andres Jenniskins, the Netherlands have been playing superbly controlled hockey and are at the top of Group 'A' with full points from two matches.

Just how good they really are will be proved when they meet India, whom they have beaten twice this year, 4-3 in the world Cup at Bombay and 5-2 in the Champion's Trophy at Amsterdam.

There was much to admire in the play of the Chinese whose approach work was impressive. What they lacked was a marksman and when they find one they should trouble the best in the world.

Pakistan should be able to pick up two points Monday when they play Malaysia, at present third on the table with one victory. Pakistan still have injury problems and are unlikely to call on Hassan Sardar and Saad Khan. Still, they have sufficient resources in attack to beat Malaysia.

Although China offered stubborn resistance for the first 10 minutes and were not reluctant to attack, it was only a matter of time before the Dutch scored. And they had a

field day, with their center-forward Roderik Bouwmann scoring five goals, four in a row, to put himself at the top of the scorers list with a total of six.

Maarten Van Grimbergen opened the scoring from a penalty-stroke in the 12th minute, eight minutes later Tom Van't Hek scored the second. Then Bouwmann ran through the defence to score the third in the 22nd minute. The Chinese missed their first

chance when Zhang Naiwu just failed to get his stick to a fine center from the right by Wo Rongfu, but it was not long before Bouwmann scored the fourth Dutch goal from a penalty-corner.

Two more goals by Bouwmann in the second half from penalty-corners put the Dutch six goals ahead but the Chinese did not give up trying and forced their second penalty-corner of the match.

The Chinese finishing, however, was poor and the Dutch added two more before the end through Van't Hek and Bouwmann.

West Germany came back from a goal down to beat England 2-1 for their first victory. The teams were 1-1 at half time.

It was a sorry tale for England which missed two penalty-strokes and whose luck ran out in the end when they were denied two penalty-corners, which should have been awarded for foot infringements by the Germans inside the circle.

But initially everything went right for England scoring in the fourth minute from a beautiful move on the right wing which ended in a fine shot by Selan Kerly straight into the net.

The Germans, with their main striker Stefan Blocher handicapped by a leg injury could not find their rhythm but Heiner Dopp managed to scramble the ball into goal in the 16th minute to draw level.

But Kerly missed the mark in the 21st minute from a penalty-stroke and the German's survived to be on level terms at half time. Three minutes after the interval however, West Germany, who had begun the second half with a rush through the middle were awarded a penalty corner which was converted by Christin Fischer.

England then lost a great chance of restoring the balance from a penalty-stroke in the 41st minute. A penalty-corner was followed by another which gave way to a penalty-stroke. This time it was taken by Kulbir Bhaura whose shot was well saved by the German goalkeeper.

Australia came back strongly from two goals down to beat New Zealand 7-3. It was Australia's second win, and their confidence is running high.

New Zealand started extremely well and took an early grip on the game with Peter Daji scoring a good field goal and Peter Miskimin converting a penalty-stroke. But once the Australian pressure intensified and captain Richard Charlesworth began to stamp his authority on the game, the New Zealand defense collapsed.

After New Zealand were penalized for obstruction, Craig Davies converted a penalty-corner with a mighty hit. Four minutes before half-time, Charlesworth drew level from a scramble with a reverse flick.

Within six minutes of the second half Australia were 5-2 up with field goals from Colin Batch, Terry Leece and Terry Walsh. Davies from a penalty-corner and Batch again took the score to 7-2 before Ramesh Patel reduced the lead. New Zealand outside left George Carnoustos was unlucky to hit a post but Australia stayed well on top until the end.

At a glance

Group 'A'									
Netherlands	8	China	0						
Group 'B'									
West Germany	2	England	1						
Australia	7	New Zealand	3						
Group 'A'									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Netherlands	2	2	0	0	13	1	4		
India	1	1	0	0	2	1	2		
Malaysia	2	1	0	1	4	7	2		
Pakistan	1	0	0	1	1	2	0		
China	2	0	0	2	2	11	0		
Group 'B'									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Australia	2	2	0	0	13	5	4		
England	1	1	0	1	5	2	2		
New Zealand	2	1	0	1	6	7	2		
West Germany	1	1	0	1	2	4	2		
China	2	0	0	2	2	10	0		

Lonergan bags Alkhabar title

By Karen Laviola

ALKHABAR, Dec. 12 — Jackie Lonergan bagged the women's singles title of the Alkhabar Open Tennis Tournament and the Pan Am round-the-world ticket, this weekend.

In the final held at the Nordrop catenament, Lonergan beat Mary deMan in two sets, 6-4, 6-3, giving deMan a second place finish in the field of 36 and a round-trip to New York.

The annual event, sponsored by Pan Am, is open to all players in the Eastern Province. Men's singles will begin next weekend and doubles matches will run through January.

Tracy, Wendy record fluent wins

RICHMOND, Virginia, Dec. 12 (AP) — Top-seeded American Tracy Austin and second-seeded Wendy Turnbull of Australia breezed to easy victories Saturday in the semifinals of the \$125,000 Central Fidelity Bank Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Austin, a 6-1, 6-0 winner over substitute No. 7 seed Leigh Thompson, and Turnbull, who beat No. 8 Joanne Russell, 6-1, 6-2, will play Sunday for the title. The winner earns \$23,000 and the runner-up \$12,000.

The 19-year-old Austin has lost only three games in her three matches, and she had little trouble with Thompson, 18, who was inserted into the No. 7 spot when Andrea Leand withdrew before the tournament began.

Men's matches are held at the University of Petroleum and Minerals and women's at Northrop. Anyone wishing information on entering the tournament may contact co-chairman Neil Perkins at UPM, 860-2046.

A crowd of about 50 spectators watched as the cool Lonergan drove her opponent deep into the court. "I found out her strength, a wide-angled forehand, and then I felt good," Lonergan said. "I wasn't nervous. I just hadn't known how she played."

However, Lonergan didn't feel really confident until the final game when she was ahead, 15-40. "I knew then that unless I really fluffed up, I had her," she said.

Austin won the first three games but then lost her serve in the fourth when she double-faulted. Austin then ran off the next nine games to close out the match.

After Turnbull and Russell were tied 1-1 in their first set, the Australian took command by winning seven games in a row, breaking Russell in the fourth and sixth games of the first set and the first game of the second.

Russell held service to pull within 3-1, but Turnbull made it 4-1 by holding serve and breaking Russell again in the fifth game. Turnbull lost her serve for the only time in the sixth game to make it 4-2, but she lost only two points in the last two games, breaking Russell again in the seventh.



ALL JOY: Michael Dokes drops to the mat after being adjudged the new WBA heavyweight champion in Las Vegas Friday night. But on Saturday it was learnt that Nick Kerasiott, the supervisor at the fight would urge the WBA to order a rematch as referee Joey Curtis stopped the fight after only 63 seconds as Weaver had been knocked down.

Chacon takes WBC crown from Limon

SACRAMENTO, California, Dec. 12 (R) — American Bobby Chacon battered his way through 15 bloody rounds Saturday to win the World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight title from Rafael 'Bazooka' Limon of Mexico on a unanimous points decision.

Limon dominated the first four rounds with roundhouse lefts and dropped Chacon to his knees in the third round with a solid left hook behind the ear. Chacon quickly got to his feet and took a standing eight count.

Chacon came back in the middle rounds, launching a barrage of punches which seemed to tire the champion. But Limon found enough strength to land a hard left hook to the face to send Chacon to the canvas for another eight count in the 10th round.

Undeterred, Chacon, bleeding from a cut on the bridge of his nose, waded in, raking Limon with lefts and rights. Limon was stunned several times, but Chacon could not put him away. With about 25 seconds left in the final round, Chacon landed two hard rights to the head, dropping Limon to the floor. He got up after an eight count, but was badly shaken.

Five seconds later, however, the bell sounded, ending the fight and saving Limon from a knockout.

About 7,000 mostly pro-Chacon fans watched the fight at the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium. The crowd spurred on the new champion with chants of "Bobby, Bobby, Bobby" throughout the fight. Chacon's record is now 51 wins, six losses and one draw, while Limon's is 47-12-2. Chacon is 31 and Limon 28.

The three judges scored the fight 143-141, 141-140 and 142-141 for Chacon, who weighed 130 lbs against Limon's 129-1/4 lbs.

Chacon entered the fight as the fifth-ranked super-featherweight (130 lbs) and has now won his second WBC crown. He took the featherweight title in 1975.

After the fight Chacon spoke of his wife, Valerie, who killed herself last March because Chacon would not quit boxing. "I wish that Valerie just could have waited for one more fight," Chacon said. "I told her this is what I wanted. I just wish she were here to see this."

"Right now I'm just going to relax and take it all in. But it looks like I'll fight again."

NFL contract signed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — After more than 10 months of negotiations which included a 57-day strike, the U.S. National Football League and its Players' Union signed a five-year, \$1.6 billion contract Saturday night.

The agreement was signed in Washington by Gene Upshaw, president of the NFL Players' Association, Ed Garvey, executive director of the union, Jack Donlan, chief negotiator for the owners and Chuck Sullivan, owner of the New England Patriots and Chairman of the Owners' Executive Committee.

The 1,500 players had ratified the agreement in tentative form on Wednesday by a 3-1 margin. Negotiators had announced a tentative agreement on Nov. 16 in New York.

Kriek rallies from jaws of defeat to make final

MELBOURNE, Dec. 12 (AFP) — The men's Australian open tennis final here Monday will feature an all-American clash for the second year in succession.

Top seeds Johan Kriek and Steve Denton will meet in a replay of last year's final after two close semifinals Sunday in energy-sapping heat. Kriek and Denton both struggled in their five sets which together lasted seven hours and 15 minutes.

Defending champion Kriek defeated 16th seeded Australian Paul McNamee 7-6, 7-6, 4-6, 3-6, 7-5 after saving a match point in the final set.

Denton beat sixth-seed American Hank Pfister, a semifinalist last year, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 although Pfister served for the match in the tenth game of the final set.

McNamee, 28, who lives only 15 minutes from the Kooyong Stadium led Kriek 2-0 in the fifth set after winning seven games in succession from being down 1-3 in the fourth set and trailing two sets to one.

Kriek, had an unhappy fourth set. He was irritated by some bad bounces and at one point fell heavily crashing into a linesman's chair. He dropped serve in the eighth game, and appeared to throw away the ninth game to save himself for an all out effort in the final set.

After saving a match point against his serve he then confounded McNamee as the Australian served for the match at 5-4, breaking serve to level 5-5. The former South African, a naturalized American living in Naples, Florida clinched the match on the third match point of the 12th game after McNamee had missed several chances to force the tie-break.

Denton was exhausted after his match and

said that the reduction from five sets to three in the third and fourth round matches had saved him from an early exit from the tournament.

The 26-year-old Texan has been suffering with tonsillitis for three weeks and the further the matches go despite his big physique the weaker he gets. He has been sipping corn syrup between sets to regain energy.

Now that Denton and Kriek have reached the final they have qualified for the Volvo Masters final, a 12-man event to be played in New York next month. Ironically they have replaced American Gene Mayer and Australian Peter McNamara, both of whom did not play in this event, both of them expecting their positions to remain in tact.

Meanwhile, Yannick Noah of France and Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia both came back from one set deficits to win their semifinal matches, earning a place in the finals of the \$75,000 Grand Prix tournament at Toulouse.

Noah, ranked No. 9 in the world and the tournament's top seed, beat Czech Stanislav Birner 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, and Smid defeated 17-year-old West German Michael Westphal 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Noah, who played a late quarterfinal match on Friday, appeared tired and seemed to have trouble concentrating in the first set. But he came back behind a good serve to capture the next two.

Smid, ranked among the top 50 international tennis professionals, also appeared in trouble at the beginning, dropping the first set to the German teenager, who is ranked 300th in the world and was the surprise of the tournament.

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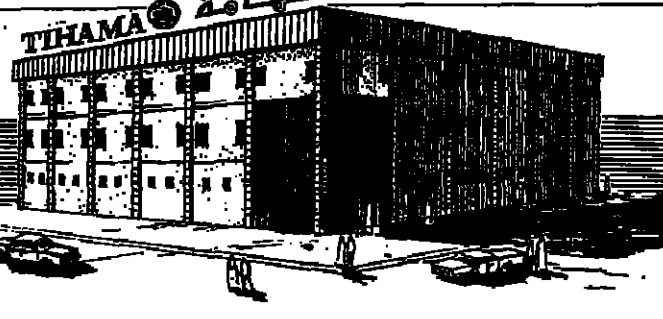
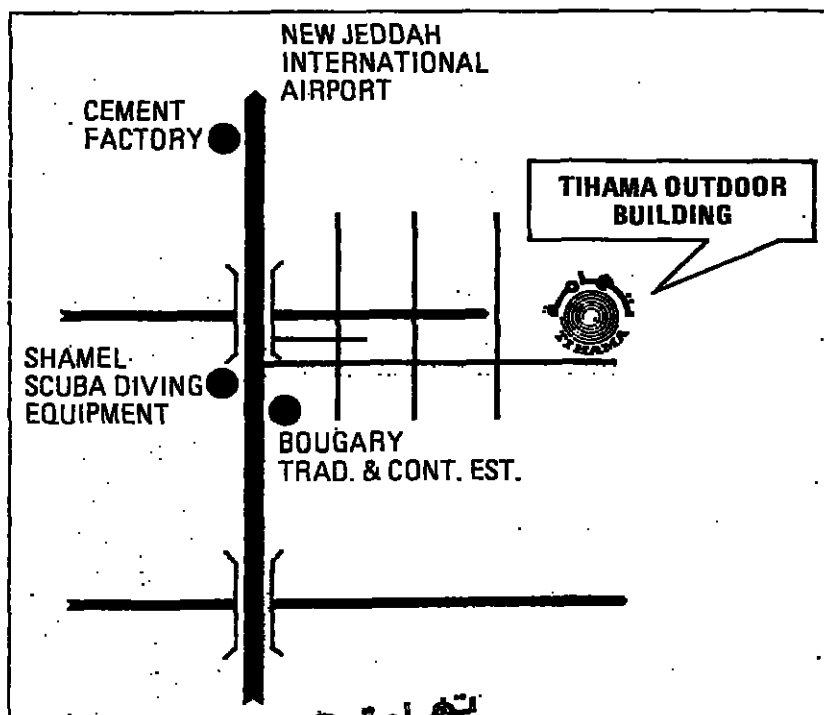
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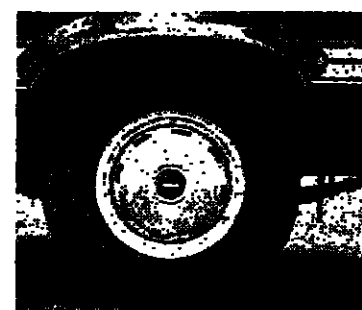
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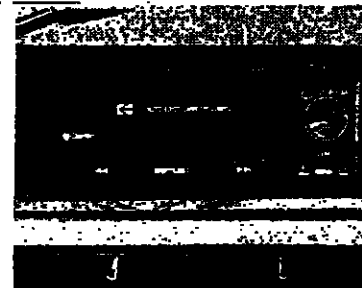
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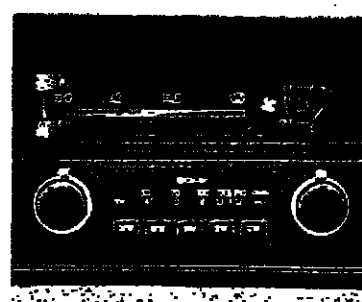
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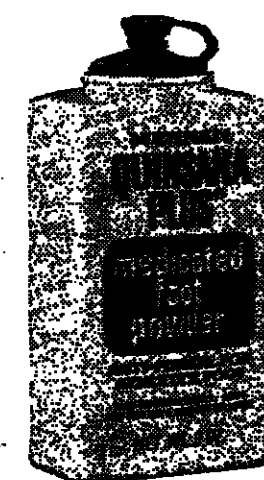
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IMF set to bail out debt-ridden nations

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Reports this weekend that Brazil is facing financial collapse came only hours after moves by the 10 leading members of the IMF toward a 50 percent increase in the International Monetary Fund's resources to hold back the danger of a world banking crash.

A senior French official revealed Saturday that at talks between the richest five among the 10, who met near Frankfurt, West Germany on Friday, measures were discussed to provide emergency aid to Brazil.

Brazil has external debts of \$80 billion, ranking it along with Mexico as the most indebted country in the world.

A central factor in talks in Paris by the 10 later Friday to provide the IMF with adequate resources was a change in the position of the United States, which now expresses concern about the international situation.

At the annual meeting of IMF governors in Toronto, Canada, in September, the United States resisted any increase in IMF quotas of more than about 25 percent, arguing that there was no major world liquidity crisis. Most other members favored an increase of between 50 and 100 percent.

But since then the list of countries in severe difficulties in Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe has continued to grow. The crisis in Mexico, which broke shortly before the Toronto meeting, appears to be deeper and more complex than had been expected, while Argentina — and this weekend Brazil — have emerged as being almost unable to meet debt repayments. The combined debts of these

three countries is \$200 billion, or about a third of total debts owed by the developing world.

Meanwhile, the latest edition of the influential London-based *Economist* magazine carried six pages of comment and analysis on the IMF and Latin American debts, which it said totaled \$300 billion.

It said new money was being poured into Latin America to "prevent a horrendous jolt to the world's banking system" which would come about if a country failed to meet interest repayments. That would "send a hurricane through Wall Street, it would cause the certain collapse of a number of American banks, it would set the price of gold flying", the magazine said.

It added: "The largest nine American banks have lent the equivalent of 50 percent of their capital and reserves to Mexico alone."

It was against this background that the leading five members of the IMF — the United States, Japan, Britain, West Germany, and France — met near Frankfurt on Thursday to examine urgent questions such as Brazil's dilemma, and to overcome their differences on how to increase IMF resources.

These five countries account for 40 percent of IMF capital, and the Frankfurt meeting was followed by a meeting in Paris of ministerial representatives from them and from Canada, the Netherlands, Italy, Sweden and Belgium.

Lloyd's to debate scandals

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AFP) — The newly-constituted council of Lloyd's of London is meeting in closed session this weekend to discuss the future of the 300-year-old insurance body whose good name has been jeopardized by a growing tide of scandals.

Britain's leading insurance market, founded by Edward Lloyd in 1688, is an arcane institution where good faith and good connections take precedence over modern auditing procedures.

Lloyd's constitution and methods are unique as the institution does not itself underwrite insurance policies. Instead the risks are accepted by individuals regrouped in syndicates who take on unlimited liability in expectation of unlimited rewards.

Congo's refinery begins operations

POINTE NOIRE, Congo, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Congo's first oil refinery was officially opened here Saturday after 11 years of troubled construction, ending this West African state's dependence on other countries to refine the oil it produced for its own consumption.

The refinery, which has a capacity of one million tons annually, was inaugurated by President Denis Sassou Nguesso six years after its scheduled completion date, which was delayed by a legal dispute.

committee, plus some outside members and a number of senior executives are meeting at Leeds Castle in Kent, southern England, to discuss a recent spate of scandals stemming from alleged insurance rackets and conflicts of interest arising from ties between broking firms and underwriters agencies.

According to an editorial Friday in the *Financial Times*, Britain's leading business daily, "it is now clear that the sequence of problems at Lloyd's amounts to one of the most serious crises that a city institution has ever faced."

The commercial consequences of such crises could be far-reaching, the paper suggested, because the U.S. insurance industry could fast step in to take over business should Lloyd's image begin to pale.

Lloyd's is especially important to the city of London and to Britain because of its key role in the country's invisible earnings. In 1981, Lloyd's contributed some 382 million pounds to such earnings.

In addition to the threat of financial interests, lack of confidence in Lloyd's self-regulatory controls could also bring about further governmental involvement in city dealings.

Already some members of parliament have called for closer scrutiny of the line street institution, and a labor treasury spokesman, Jack Straw, Saturday reiterated his party's commitment to introduce new legislation when returned to power to improve the accountability of the city.



NISSAN AD CONFERENCE: Nissan Motor Company held its first Middle East Advertising conference in Athens recently. The general manager of Nissan Motor Company for the Middle East, K. Suzuki (center), seen with the Nissan's management team and all local Nissan distributors from Middle East countries, and executives of Standard Advertising (Japan), and Intermarkets' management — Nissan's advertising agency in the Middle East.

Output ceiling

Iran call to stay OPEC price

NICOSIA, Dec. 12 (AP) — Iran called for maintaining the current crude oil prices and production ceiling of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Tehran radio reported.

An Iranian oil ministry statement broadcast by Tehran radio on the eve of OPEC's ministerial meeting in Vienna next week, said the benchmark price of crude oil should be maintained at \$34 a barrel, in view of economic forecasts that the demand for oil will not increase in 1983.

"We believe that OPEC's daily production should be fixed around 17.5 million barrels a day (the current ceiling), which can be increased in line with any increase in market demand for OPEC oil," the statement added.

The Dec. 19 meeting in Vienna will try to stabilize prices and production policies to avert a serious split in OPEC ranks because of price and production quota violations by some members.

Arab producers accuse Libya, Iran and Nigeria of further aggravating the slump in the world oil market by exceeding their production quotas and selling for less than the official price. This, they say, was undermining the Gulf producers' efforts to market their own quotas and depriving them of revenues needed for development projects.

TUC leader warns Tory government

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Britain's 11-million strong Trades Union Congress (TUC) could turn into "an insurrectionist trades union movement committed to civil disobedience" if the Conservative government remains in power another five years, a moderate trade union leader warned here Saturday night.

David Bassett, leader of the General and Municipal Workers' Union and chairman of the TUC economic committee, made the statement at a Labor Party economic conference.

The six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have warned they would be forced to increase production and cut prices in order to be able to compete in the stagnant market, unless the other members abided by OPEC price and production agreements.

The Iranian statement said "we are interested in a stable market situation and will do our best at the coming session to maintain this stability."

About 5 % hike seen

EEC to propose farm prices

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (R) — The European Commission is due to present its proposals for 1983 farm prices this week and officials said the Common Market's eight million farmers should expect only modest increases.

Final details in the comprehensive package — covering everything from bread-making wheat to sunflower oil seeds — will be thrashed out Tuesday and Wednesday.

Officials said the average increase being considered by the 14-member executive was likely to be less than half this year's 10.5 percent rise and might be as little as 4.5 percent.

Milk, cereals and sugar producers might receive even less to penalize them for over-production in 1982, they said.

The commission's decision which will then be discussed by European Economic Community farm ministers, comes only days after senior U.S. officials visited Brussels to complain about the Common Market's multi-billion dollar agricultural policies.

Washington believes the community's farm subsidies cause huge surpluses which are squeezing American farmers out of their traditional export markets.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block told a news conference Friday that both sides had agreed to hold talks early next month to try to prevent an all-out trade war over farm exports.

But he refused to rule out the option of retaliatory measures by the United States, including the dumping of American dairy products on the world market.

Commission officials said the U.S. threats would strongly reinforce calls by some member states for restraint in the community's farm spending. In particular, diplomats said Britain and West Germany were keen to limit the 1983 increases, which take effect

from next spring. Farm spending accounts for about 60 percent of the community budget and both countries are worried about footing an ever-increasing bill at a time of national budgetary restraint.

Commission officials said even the community's powerful farm lobbies appeared to agree on the need for moderate increases next year. They have asked for a seven percent rise.

But they said some member states with high inflation rates, notably Greece, Ireland and Italy, were likely to consider a 4.5 percent rise as too low and might press for special measures to correct the imbalance.

Russia, Poland to strengthen ties

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (AP) — Soviet and Polish officials have concluded five days of talks in Warsaw on strengthening Poland's economic ties with the Soviet Union, the official news agency Tass has said.

Tass said the talks focused on "key socio-economic problems" of both countries, with the Kremlin represented by planning chief Nikolai Baibakov. The agency said he had "cordial and friendly" talks with Poland's martial law leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

"The further extension of cooperation with the Soviet Union and the policy of reorienting Polish economic relations to Socialist countries, particularly in light of sanctions against Poland announced by the U.S. administration, will further promote this cooperation," Tass said.

"With this aim in view, the Polish side has begun to draw up a comprehensive program of extending economic relations with the U.S.S.R.," said Tass.

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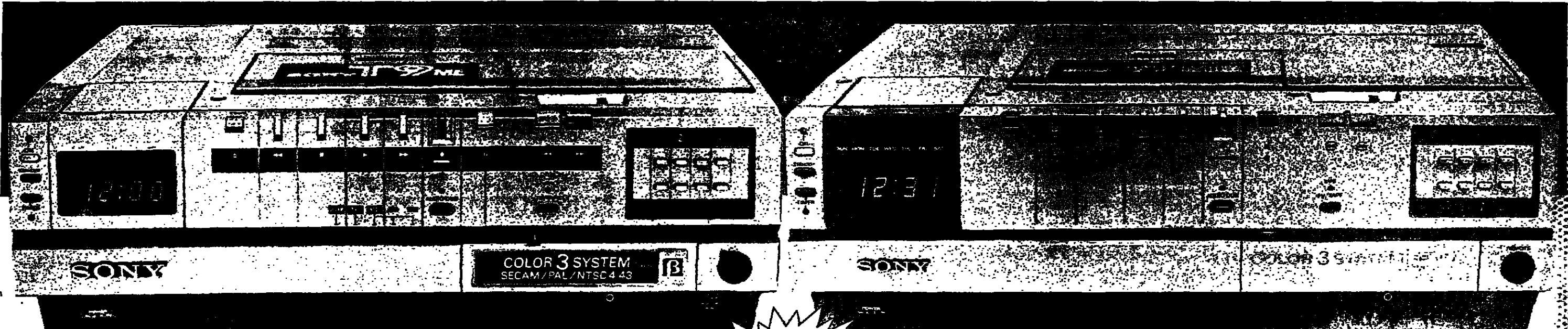
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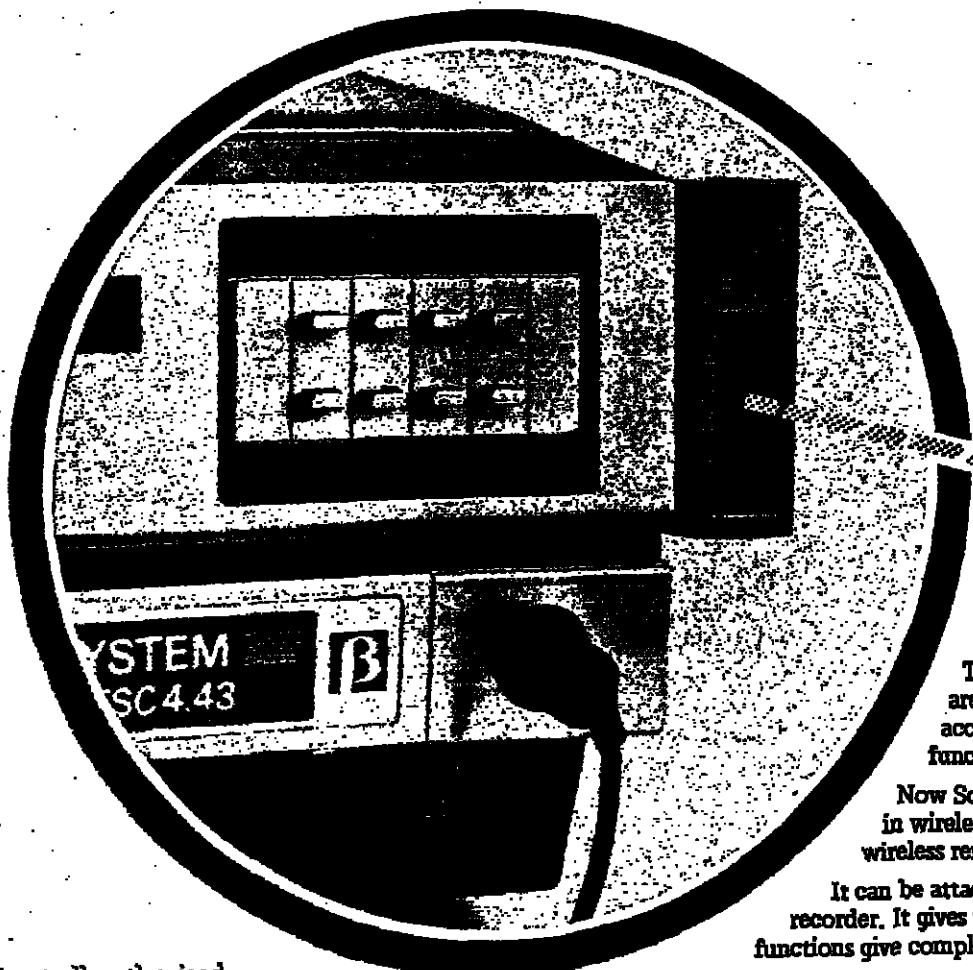
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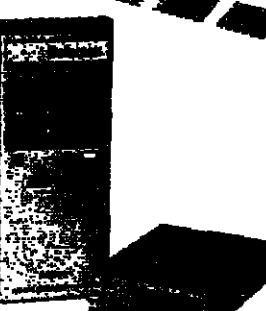
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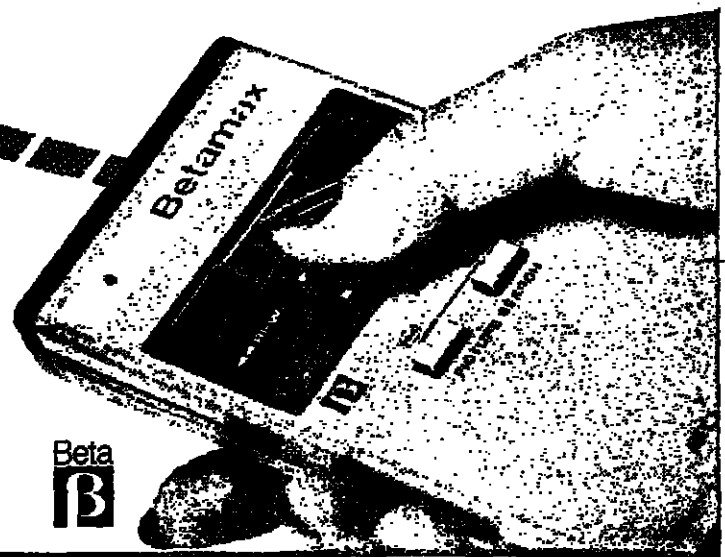
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Mexican budget aims at boosting growth

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 12 (R) — Mexico's new government presented its austerity budget to parliament but in a break with precedent divulged no detailed statistics.

Finance Minister Jesus Silva Herzog acknowledged only that the budget, while seeking to boost development, protect jobs and fight inflation, would cause some inflation in the short-term.

His speech was largely overshadowed by Friday night's announcement of a relaxation of the country's exchange controls, leading in effect to the peso's third devaluation this year.

President Miguel de la Madrid had already laid out in general terms the tough measures he would take in an effort to overcome the country's acute economic crisis.

In his inaugural address Dec. 1 and again in a 65-page document last week, he told Mexicans that painful tax increases and spending cuts were in store.

Silva Herzog, however, did not say how much the government would spend next year nor how much it would take in. But he did say that the total public sector deficit would be 1.5 trillion pesos or 8.5 percent of gross domestic product.

A finance ministry spokesman said De la Madrid wanted to announce the main measures

himself, a departure from normal practice, but threw no light on the absence of detailed figures.

Foreign bankers said Saturday the decision to relax the full exchange controls imposed in September by the then president, Jose Lopez Portillo, was something of a gamble.

Central bank director Miguel Mancera said that from Dec. 20 the peso would be traded freely, although a controlled market at rates fixed daily by the bank would be established for certain transactions.

The aim is to attract back into the banking system dollars which rigid exchange controls and low official rates had driven onto the black market or into U.S. exchange houses.

Bankers said the free peso rate was likely to open at around 120 or 130 to the dollar, rates recently available on the black market and in the "free" trading zone on either side of the U.S. border.

But they noted that if dollars became available in the banks again — which Mancera said would happen once banks had a chance to buy them — there was a danger that Mexicans would once more rush to take their money out of the country.

Mexico's inflation for the 12 months to the end of November was 91 percent and De la Madrid has said it will approach 100 percent by the end of the year.

Yugoslavia faces bankruptcy

BELGRADE, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Yugoslavia, weighed down by huge external debts, is on the verge of bankruptcy and rationing of goods has been introduced in some areas.

For the first time in 30 years, industrial output is almost stagnant, registering an increase of only 0.6 percent this year compared with the 3.5 percent envisaged under the 1982 plan.

Shortages have appeared in the shops, while a lack of foreign currency has sharply reduced imports of raw materials for industry.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7:00 p.m. Saturday	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.10	9.15
Bangladesh Taka		14.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)		72.00
Canadian Dollar		279.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	140.80	140.65
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.85	127.70
Egyptian Pound	3.25	3.28
Emirati Dirham (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	49.70	49.55
Greek Drachma (1,000)		48.95
Indian Rupee (100)		35.38
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Sheqel (100)	6.25	24.30
Italian Lira (10,000)	34.50	14.15
Japanese Yen (1,000)		9.66
Jordanian Dinar		11.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.87	11.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	87.20	86.05
Moroccan Dirham (100)	54.63	54.28
Pakistan Rupee (100)	29.25	26.84
Philippines Peso (100)		38.30
Qatari Riyal (100)	3.58	5.56
Saudi Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		159.45
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	26.75
Swiss Franc (100)	165.35	165.20
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.30	75.10

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Weekly commodities

Upward trend in prices halted

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AFP) — An upward trend in commodity prices was checked this week by fears, unallayed by reports to the contrary, of higher British and United States interest rates.

Silver followed the rising gold price up to reach its highest in nearly two years. Copper hit a 13-month peak and "spot" white (refined) sugar advanced to its highest since July.

But gold turned lower after touching a three-month high, and other markets then retreated quickly. Lead slumped to a six-and-a-quarter-year low and zinc fell to its lowest since August.

Sugar eased to its lowest for a month, but gas-oil futures turned firmer. And certain sectors, particularly textiles and metals, began complaining that trading was beginning to wind down with the approach of the year-end holidays.

Sterling's uncertainty caused some sporadic covering, but prices finished generally below their best of the week.

Gold: Irregular. Firm gains were made in active trading following buying from Middle East and Far East sources. Prices reached their highest since September. The futures market moved up in unison.

Prices subsequently fluctuated with New York, softening as the dollar improved before steadying in front of the weekend.

Copper: Irregular. Firm conditions prevailed at first on the strength of gold, despite the sharp 4,450-ton rise in market stocks to 215,875 tons, the highest since June 1979. U.S. trading was switched to London on Monday when the New York market was

interrupted by air-conditioning problems.

Further buying developed and prices reached their highest since November 1981 following reports of rising hopes for an improvement in U.S. housing starts in the new year. But the week ended with a final reversal.

Tin: Steady. Prices continued to creep higher as short covering continued, and there was no evidence of buffer stock buying in London. Far-Eastern advances, influenced strongly by buffer buying, gave underlying confidence and attracted speculative demand. The sharp 1,455-ton fall in stocks to 32,785 tons also acted as a stimulus.

Lead: Dull. Prices fell back to their lowest since September 1976 in the face of poor consumer demand, continued excess production and the slow rate of sales to the Soviet Union. The International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG) estimated that January/September Western world consumption was down nearly five percent on the corresponding figure for last year.

Zinc: Easier. Early losses were sparked by the decline in lead, and by general uncertainty regarding the possibility of a cut in U.S. producer prices. This was later confirmed when the U.S. producer Asarco cut its quotations.

Buying confidence was not helped by the news that the Belgian smelter Prayon plans to reopen a plant just as reports were emerging that progress had been made by the European Economic Community and European producers to rationalize production (this involves a 200,000-ton output cut). Market stocks showed their first decline in 14 weeks, falling 750 tons to 94,625 tons.

Silver: Irregular. Prices moved to their highest since January 1981 in active trading that was helped by gold and the U.S. market. Sentiment may also have been helped by a report from the London bullion dealer Sharps Pixley that Soviet buying "persisted" in November over and above the ten million ounces already recorded. Sizeable falls followed as sterling improved and New York fell back. But the market steadied again in front of the weekend. Stocks rose 180,000 ounces to 34,340,000 ounces.

Aluminium: Firmer. Despite the further 3,150-ton rise in stocks to a record 231,088 tons, prices moved up in unison with copper and gold. They then held on to most of their gains. Probably helping sentiment were predictions from Swiss analysts that Western world consumption could increase by 50 percent over the next eight years.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — The state-owned French Renault auto company lost between 900 and 1,000 million francs (up to \$143 million) in the first half of the year on sales which were up 14.2 percent, the firm has reported. Renault is Europe's biggest auto manufacturer with some 40 percent of the French market and 14 percent of the European market.

NEW YORK (AFP) — Daewo Shipyard of South Korea announced a \$780 million order here from U.S. lines, for fourteen 58,000-ton container ships which will be the biggest in the world. The South Korean Import-Export Bank will provide credit of \$390 million to Daewo. The customer will make an initial payment of \$156 million. Each ship will take 4,450 twenty-foot containers. The vessels will be delivered between 1984 and 1986.

BLANTYRE (AFP) — Malawi and Egypt have signed a technical assistance agreement opening Egyptian universities to Malawian students and clearing the way for Egyptians to be seconded to the public service here. The agreement is the first to be signed between the two countries since they established diplomatic relations two years ago.

BELGRADE (AFP) — A group of French banks has extended a 250 million franc (about \$35 million) credit to Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Tanjug news agency reported. The credit is for five years at 10.85 percent and is intended to finance Yugoslav imports of French equipment and spare parts.

Riyal rates suffer setback

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 12 — The closure of the major European and American bourses Sunday brought about a dull and quiet trading day on the local markets, with most dealers leaving by midday. Local riyal deposit rates were generally steady but some further falls were registered in the short-dated funds which took the one-week fixed riyal to 6 — 6 1/2 percent from 7 1/4 percent opening levels.

Liquidity continued to be seen in the market and dealers felt that rates will come down even further next week independent of what happens on the major world money markets.

Longer-dated funds were slightly down taking the one-year rate to 9 1/2 — 9 3/4 percent.

9 1/2 percent opening levels, but most activity concentrated in the under three-month tenors.

On the local exchanges, the spot riyal/dollar rate opened at a rather optimistic 3.4400-05 but had drifted down to 3.4398-01 in rather directionless and lackluster trading. Some inter-bank book squaring deals were done earlier in the day with the Bahrain based OBU's — offshore banking units — but the majority of transactions were of a commercial nature.

Once again, dealers were not expecting major surprises next week but the fact that the U.S. central bank has not yet carried out its long awaited discount rate cut is causing some jumpy nerves in the financial community and the markets could very well be volatile next week.

Kremlin owns farm plan failure

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (R) — The Kremlin leadership indicated Sunday that a national food program introduced by the late Leonid Brezhnev was not solving agricultural problems and that increased efforts were required to raise farm output.

In a resolution concerning fulfilment of the food program by a farm in the central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, the Communist Party central committee listed almost every recognized shortcoming in Soviet agriculture.

Western farming experts said the farm, which was named "The Road to Communism", appeared to have been singled out because its problems typified those of Soviet agriculture in general.

The Communist Party daily *Pravda* published the resolution on its front page Sunday but did not say when it was passed. The resolution said the farm in Kazakhstan was taking steps to raise output and improve countryside living conditions.

It quoted impressive production figures and said there was no shortage of qualified labor. But it added that directives of the food program announced last May were not being implemented.

The central committee, in what appeared to be a message to Soviet farms in general, said there was room for improvement. It said the crop capacity for grains and feeds remained low, harvest periods often dragged on, there were shortcomings in crop rotation

and some production units were not self-financing.

The resolution said that the farm's party organization had "not succeeded in making livestock production the battlefield in the village" and that there were serious shortcomings in dairy production.

It also said veterinary surgeons were not carrying out their duties fully and there were "many instances of infectious cattle diseases". It gave no details of the diseases.

Other problems listed included fodder preparation and storage, and poor farm management and use of resources.

Czechoslovakia, Nepal sign pact

KATHMANDU, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Nepal and Czechoslovakia on Sunday signed their first bilateral trade agreement, at the Nepalese ministry of foreign affairs.

This was Nepal's fourth agreement with an East European country after Soviet Union, Poland and Bulgaria. However, it is the first with an East European country from the Group of 77.

The salient feature of the agreement is the mutual extension of most favored nation treatment between the two, effectively lowering custom duties in two-way trade.

Jordan sets up fertilizer complex

AMMAN, Dec. 12 (R) — Jordan has opened a giant fertilizer complex to make better use of its greatest natural resource — phosphates.

The complex at Aqaba on the Red Sea will convert phosphates mined in Jordan into a range of chemicals used as fertilizers. Some raw materials, such as sulphur and ammonia, will have to be imported, but the Jordanians

Abu Dhabi oil sales drop by 19 percent

ABU DHABI, Dec. 12 (AP) — Abu Dhabi crude oil exports during 1981 fell by 19 percent to an average of 950,000 barrels daily, the state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) said Sunday.

The company said Japan topped the list of importers with 41 percent during the year, followed by the United States with 15 percent and Europe with 13 percent.

ADNOC's partners lifted 15 percent of crude oil production during the year, while developing countries accounted for another 16 percent, the report said.

The average selling price, which is determined by government policy and prevailing official prices for ADNOC crudes during the year, was \$36, the report said.

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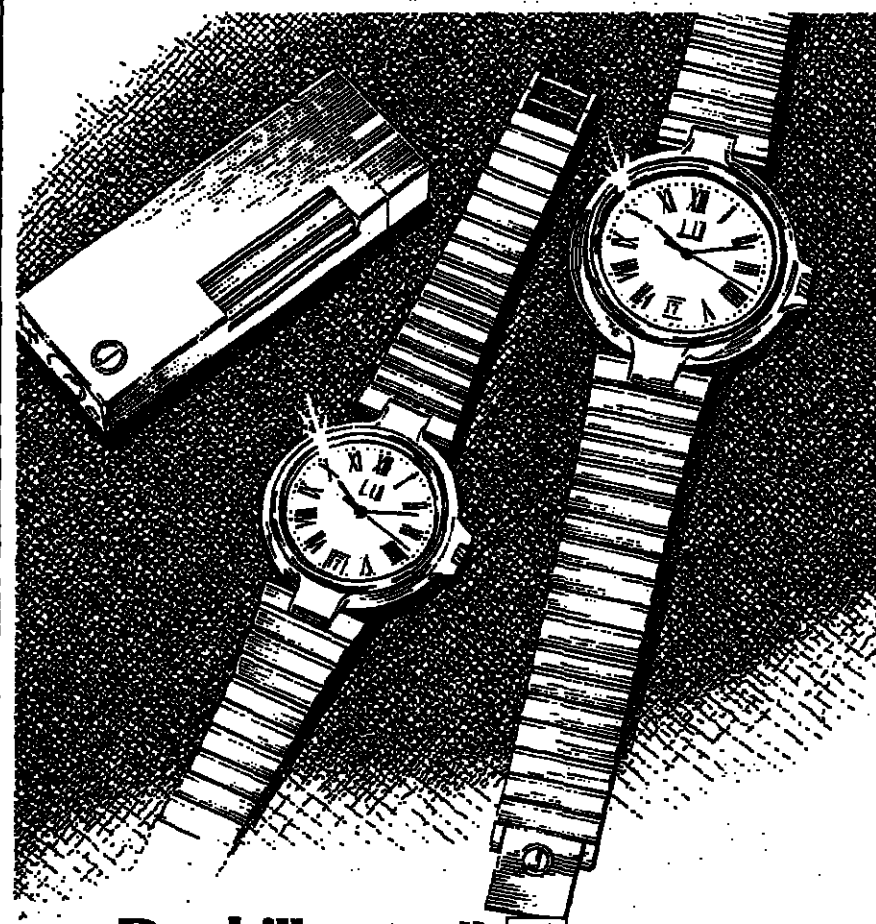
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Italian official denies plot to kill Walesa

ROME, Dec. 12 (Agencies) — Reports of a plot to kill Polish Solidarity leader Lech Walesa during his visit to Italy in January, 1981, are "pure fantasy," an Italian anti-terrorist official said Sunday.

The English language Rome daily *America* published here claimed Italian unionist Luigi Scricciolo had told police that he had discussed with Bulgarian intelligence a plan to use the Italian leftist Red Brigades to kill Walesa in Rome. Scricciolo is alleged by authorities here to have been the contact man between Bulgarian intelligence and the Red Brigades.

Scricciolo is awaiting trial for espionage and membership of the Red Brigades. "The Bulgarians hoped that the Italian terrorist group would kill Walesa," the front-page article said.

Scricciolo, the former head of the international office of the Socialist-affiliated trade union confederation UIL, arranged Walesa's visit to Italy which included a private audience with Pope John Paul II.

The report, published Sunday, quoted "well-placed sources" as saying Scricciolo

worked as a spy for the Bulgarians since 1976 and "reported to them regularly on Italian affairs."

Using his cousin Loris Scricciolo, an accused member of the Red Brigades, as an intermediary, the Italian trade unionist arranged a meeting between the leftist gang and unnamed Bulgarian agents, according to the account.

Earlier this year, a captured terrorist leader, Antonio Savasta, testified that Bulgaria offered to help the Red Brigades after they kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier in 1981. Savasta said the offer was made through Scricciolo. The Bulgarian government denied any involvement with Italian terrorists.

Scricciolo also passed NATO documents and the text of a Red Brigades interrogation of Dozier to the Bulgarians, the newspaper account said. Scricciolo told investigators the names of four of his contacts, identifying them as Bulgarian Embassy personnel in Rome, the newspaper said.

The article also quoted sources as saying that the Vatican had contributed \$50 million to the now-outlawed Solidarity.

'Bulgarian fever' hits Italy

ROME, Dec. 12 (AFP) — This entire country has been hit by the mounting "Bulgarian fever" — the suspected complicity of the Sofia secret service in the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II here last year.

This complicity has resulted in both countries withdrawing their ambassadors, the first time this has ever happened, and marks a heightening of the Cold War between the two capitals.

For as each day passes, it seems clearer and clearer that for several months the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome was little more than a site used by the Bulgarian secret service to plot the murder of the pope by using Turkish terrorists. The Italian officials broadly hinted that behind the Bulgarians was the Soviet KGB secret police.

The new government of Amintore Fanfani has been extremely cautious about the whole affair, with Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo telling the daily *La Stampa* that "it would be improper at the present state of affairs to talk about a diplomatic crisis with Bulgaria."

He said that "the government would make its final decision on the affair when all relevant questions have been answered" on Bulgarian complicity not only in the attempted assassination bid on the pope, but also Sofia's alleged involvement in the Red Brigades.

A full parliamentary debate, likely to be uproarious, is scheduled for Monday, Dec. 20. Premier Fanfani's own Christian Democrat Party has tabled a parliamentary question asking: "What steps have been taken with the Bulgarian government to throw light on these inadmissible facts which could result in serious diplomatic consequences?"

Socialist Party leader Bettino Craxi has accused the Italian Foreign Ministry of acting like a "rubber wall" over an affair which "appears today in its terrible dimensions as having incalculable international repercussions." Numerous politicians have urged the government to break off diplomatic relations with Bulgaria immediately.

Greeks rapped over Macedonians

BELGRADE, Dec. 12 (R) — A Yugoslav Communist Party newspaper Saturday attacked what it said was the Greek Socialist government's official policy of assimilating Greek Macedonians.

Macedonians live in three neighboring Balkan countries, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Greece. But only Yugoslavia recognizes them as a separate nation, giving them their own republic, one of six in the Yugoslav federation, with official status for their language.

Komunist, the official weekly newspaper of the ruling Yugoslav Communist Party, said in its latest issue that the Greek government's failure to recognize a Macedonian national identity and language was a serious flaw in Greek democracy.

The weekly criticized the ruling Greek Pasok party for approving a law which bars Greek students from attending foreign universities where teaching is in "internationally unrecognized languages" — including the university in Skopje, capital of Yugoslavia's Macedonia Republic.

Yugoslavia and Greece maintain good relations, particularly since Andreas Papandreu's Socialists came to power in Athens.

and have for some time avoided public debates about the Macedonian question.

Komunist said the Macedonians were one of Yugoslavia's constituent nations and Yugoslavia was an internationally recognized state. Pretending the Macedonian language did not exist was a "stunt" as saying there was no Greek. Such arguments belonged to "Great-Greek nationalists and assimilationists" whose aim was to Hellenize the country's Macedonian population.

"But we must call by their proper name anti-Macedonian moves by the Greek government. They reflect a policy which is contrary both to the reality and to the interests of the two countries," the newspaper said. Public arguments over the Macedonians, who were divided after World War I between Bulgaria, Greece and Yugoslavia, where the majority live, have frequently soured relations between the three countries.

Belgrade regards Sofia's refusal to recognize the Macedonian nation as a possible territorial claim. Sofia denies territorial ambitions, but insists there are strong historical and cultural links between Bulgaria and the Yugoslav's Macedonia.



U.S. may cut off \$1.5m aid to Surinam

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — The United States said it may cut off \$1.5 million in economic aid to Surinam after two dozen prominent citizens suspected of plotting a coup were killed while in government custody last week.

"Our entire relationship with the government of Surinam is under review, including our aid program," said State Department spokeswoman Anita Stockman. "We deplore the lack of due process and violation of basic human and civil rights."

The United States is closely watching the situation in Surinam, Miss Stockman said, adding that American action will depend on the response of the Surinamese government to the shootings.

Lt. Col. Desi Bouterse, who took power in a coup nearly three years ago, said Friday that the detainees were shot Wednesday while trying to flee a prison.

State Department officials said none of the estimated 400 Americans in Surinam have been harmed. But they said the United States is concerned about their security "and will hold the government (of Surinam) fully accountable for their safety and well-being."

Yesterday we summoned the Surinamese ambassador in Washington to express our indignation over the killing of many prominent citizens who were in government custody," Miss Stockman said.

She said the State Department did not know exactly "many people were killed or their identities." The figure could be as high as 24 or more (and) we believe it includes a prominent trade unionist, lawyers, journalists and academics," she said.

The Netherlands, which until seven years ago administered Surinam as the colony of Dutch Guiana, suspended further aid to the country in protest over what Dutch officials called a "mass execution."

Miss Stockman said the State Department understands that Surinam's airport will reopen for commercial traffic soon after being closed during a crackdown on an alleged coup attempt. Telephone links from Surinam already have been re-established, she said.

Bouterse said shots were first fired before the detainees were shot and killed while trying to escape from a jail in downtown Paramaribo, the capital. He did not say how many were slain.

Surinam, with a population of a little more than 400,000, lies on South America's north coast midway between Venezuela and Brazil.

Salvadoran leftists overrun army post

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 12 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas overran an army post southeast of the capital, killing or wounding 26 soldiers, and ambushed U.S.-trained army troops along a road in Usulután province, military authorities said.

Rebels firing automatic weapons and 81 mm mortars attacked a 30-man army post at the Santa Lucia farm eight kilometers north of Zacatecoluca, 56 kilometers southeast of San Salvador, said a national guard commander who asked not to be identified for security reasons.

The insurgents killed 11 troops and wounded 15 others in the raid, the commander said. He said rebel casualties were not known.

Insurgents late Friday ambushed two troop trucks carrying members of the U.S.-trained Atonal Battalion near the village of Ceiba Gacha, 90 kilometers southeast of the capital in Usulután province, a spokesman for the battalion said.

He said casualties were heavy among government forces but would give no figures. "The problem was that most of our troops were on leave and they (the rebels) were well armed," he said.

The guerrillas' underground Radio Venceremos claimed that rebels killed 20 soldiers and wounded 14 in the ambush near Ceiba Gacha, but the report could not be confirmed independently. Venceremos said the guerrillas also took one soldier prisoner and captured 10 rifles, grenades, and other ammunition.

The guerrillas claimed to have killed and wounded at least 1,040 government soldiers and captured 270 troops since launching a major offensive on Oct. 10.

The government has published death notices for 192 troops over the same period. The army claims to have killed more than 700 guerrillas during the past two months. Rebels also burned a bus and several cars near Ceiba Gacha before attacking the troop trucks.

Nobel winners appeal for peace

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 12 (AP) — The 1982 Nobel Peace and Literature Prize winners Sunday joined Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme in an appeal for peace in Central America.

A "message of peace" was sent to the six heads of state in Central America, the Foreign Ministry said in an announcement to news agencies.

The appeal was made by Palme, literature laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez of Colombia and the peace prize co-winners, veteran disarmament campaigners Mrs. Alva Myrdal of Sweden and Alfonso Garcia Robles of Mexico.

"The danger of large-scale war in Central America has never before been so imminent but nor have the opportunities for peace ever been so great," their message said.

"We appeal to responsible politicians and military leaders in the region to commence negotiations immediately without prior conditions."

"A first step is the cessation of all deliveries of and trafficking in arms and all military assistance to and in the region, and that the territorial integrity of the countries concerned is respected," it said.

Last Friday, the peace prize was presented to Mrs. Myrdal and Garcia Robles in Oslo, Norway, while Garcia Marquez and the science laureates were honored in the Swedish capital.

S.A. uncovers arms

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 12 (AFP) — Police have uncovered arms caches throughout South Africa in a nationwide swoop on the militant arch-conservative Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (Afrikaner resistance movement — AWB) *The Sunday Times* newspaper reported.

Nine men, including Eugene Terre'blanche, leader of the radical right-wing organization, were said by police Saturday to have been detained. Policemen using mine detectors made a night-time search of a farm at Ventersdorp, west of Johannesburg. They discovered metal trunks buried a meter deep and filled with automatic weapons, thousands of rounds of ammunition and explosives allegedly hidden by the AWB, the report said.



FLOODED TOWN: The raging Meramec and Bourne rivers forced hundreds of Pacific, Times Beach and Union area residents from their homes last week. The flooding by the Missouri rivers caused millions of dollars in property damage. An aerial view shows the flooded main street in Pacific. The rivers are now receding.

Cautious moves in foreign policy

Andropov pursues tough line over economy

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (R) — After a month in power, Soviet Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov appears to be moving cautiously to foreign policy, but has served notice that a tough line is to be pursued over the domestic economy.

Andropov, 68, has confounded those Kremlin-watchers who predicted sudden changes in foreign policy and a shake-up in the power structure. Leadership changes since his election on Nov. 12 have been intriguing but modest. No new initiatives have been announced in foreign policy. A placid calm has returned to the surface, at least, of Kremlin politics.

Privately, Soviet officials have told diplomats that there will be no swerves in foreign policy and, rhetoric apart, Moscow still wants productive arms talks with Washington.

The new leadership instead has suggested that the first big changes are likely to come in the domestic sphere. It is there that Andropov has called for rapid improvements in economic performance.

Andropov set a turnaround in the stagnating economy as a priority target in his first big speech to the party leadership last month after his predecessor Leonid Brezhnev's funeral. He sharply criticized "inertia and adherence to old ways," spoke of managers who "just do not know how to set about doing their job" and expressed particular concern over low labor productivity.

He clearly had his sights on economic managers who enjoyed job security despite incompetence under the long benign rule of Brezhnev. The fact that these days are over and job security must be merited has now been spelled out by republican party chiefs in a series of provincial party leadership meetings.

Scathing comments by Georgian party chief Eduard Shevardnadze at a party central committee session in his republic this month were typical of those made at meetings throughout the country. Shevardnadze named a score of officials in government, state and party institutions in Georgia who he said had to bear full responsibility for grave shortcomings in their departments.

A Western diplomat commented: "The logical conclusion is that if the economy does not show a turnaround then there is going to be a massive discarding of 'dead wood' from the works."

A key figure in all appears to be Geidar Aliyev, 59, a suave, tough-talking protégé of Andropov who was promoted to full Politburo member and first deputy prime minister. Aliyev, a former security police chief, achieved economic recovery in Soviet Azerbaijan as party boss after an extensive crackdown on corruption. He is publicly a great advocate of hard work, discipline and "Socialist legality" and appears to have been brought into the leadership to crack the whip to fulfill plan targets.

At his farewell address to the Azerbaijan party leadership, Aliyev reviewed results of his 13-year rule in the republic and added: "This inspires me to active work in my new field." A fresh pointer to the new line came Saturday with publication of an unusual account of a meeting by the ruling party

Politburo.

The Communist Party daily *Pravda* said the Politburo had called for tougher action in the 15 republics against crime and corruption in reply to written complaints from the public. As well as underwriting the anti-corruption theme, the new leadership seemed to be directly attempting to assure Soviet citizens that their grievances would not go unheeded.

Further hints on the way Andropov intends to move the country may come later this month on the 60th anniversary of the USSR's formation when he is expected to make a major address. Since the transition of power, the main tangible difference between the Brezhnev era and the early days of Andropov's rule has been one of style.

During Brezhnev's lifetime, the state-controlled mass media provided reports of even the most trivial ceremonial event in which he participated to a point that fell only just short of a personality cult. Brezhnev's love of protocol and ceremonial meant his picture was seldom absent from Soviet newspapers or TV screens.

Andropov is positively self-effacing and

Shake-up announced in Caucasus

MOSCOW, Dec. 12 (AP) — A Soviet newspaper Sunday reported the removal from office of several prominent members of the Communist Party organization and government in the north Caucasus city of Gelnzhik. The report came one day after the ruling Politburo published a major decree ordering a crackdown on crime and corruption.

Sovetskaya Rossiya, printed by the Communist Party central committee, said officials in the Black Sea city had been negligent in hiring and assigning workers and had used their positions in the party and government for personal gain.

On Saturday, the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* printed a decree by the ruling 12-man Politburo demanding tough action

appears to have a positive dislike for ceremonial occasions. He has shunned gratuitous Kremlin ritual, but, at the same time, has shown he is prepared to play an active role in the formulation of policy.

When an Arab League delegation visited Moscow, he had direct talks with King Hussein of Jordan and six Arab foreign ministers — something which would have been out of the question for Brezhnev in his latter, ailing years.

One possible clue suggesting he does not have the total confidence of all his Politburo colleagues was his failure to succeed Brezhnev to his secondary post of head of state. Many diplomats saw this as a sign of resistance among the Politburo to Andropov assuming too much power too quickly. By becoming a member of the Supreme Soviet presidium he has moved toward assuming the post which at the moment is vacant.

Two main figures who have emerged as apparently close allies to Andropov are Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov, 74, and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, 73, while a question hangs over his relations with Politburo colleague Konstantin Chernenko, 71.

by police and courts in dealing with crime in the street and workplace.

Publication of Politburo decrees is rare and this one appeared timed to show that the post-Brezhnev leadership was intent on wiping out bribery and economic crime, which are endemic in the Soviet Union.

Caught in the crackdown in Gelnzhik were the city's director of public works and his chief engineer, the town prosecutor and a precinct police chief, the chairman of the city's party-sponsored citizens' watchdog group, the director of the city's restaurants, a top police official charged with guarding against white-collar crime, the director of a city garage, the director of the city heating system, and the head of a local fruit company, the report said.

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The communications debate

By Harry Dunphy

PARIS (AP) — An international communications conference opens Monday at UNESCO aimed at providing financial assistance and professional support for press and broadcast systems in the Third World. New debate is expected over the world body's role in information and communication.

The 35-nation conference, the third session of the UNESCO-backed International Program for the Development of Communication (IPDC), stems from an American initiative in 1978 to provide a clearing house that would bring donors and needy projects together. The U.S. idea was to guide the prolonged and often bitter debate on establishing a "new world information and communication order" away from what some said were efforts to curb the press and toward projects such as training journalists and providing communications equipment.

Western and Third World delegates and sources in the secretariat of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization said they expected some controversy to erupt at the upcoming meeting, but several expressed hope it could be limited. Third World countries, who are in a majority at the 158-nation organization and are supported by the Soviet bloc, see the communications program as a vehicle for promoting the new order with emphasis on state control of or involvement in systems that distribute the news.

The countries complain that Western news organizations have a virtual monopoly on the gathering and dissemination of information around the world and unrestricted power because of their control of modern communications technology. The Third World countries view the communications program as a new international fund within UNESCO that will operate a substantial program on its own account independent of member governments.

Western countries are interested in redressing imbalances in the world's flow of information through practical assistance and cooperation but have warned that this must not be at the expense of freedom of the press and the free flow of information. The United States and Britain, who have been the toughest in the defense of press freedom, have refused to participate in direct funding for the program and favor bilateral assistance or financing of projects through existing institutions such as the U.N. Development Program and the World Bank.

Western delegates say they want the communications program to assess the communications gaps in the poorest developing countries, take stock of the limited progress achieved, make a real attempt to define priorities and agree on criteria for judging the merits of proposals.

The Acapulco meeting approved \$100,000 to support a pan-African news agency, a consortium of 50 African nations that will provide news from that continent to its member countries. Similarly, \$80,000 was provided for support to a project called the Asia-Pacific News Network that will do the same thing in Asia.

The United States extracted a pledge from directors of the pan-African agency not to exclude access to the international news services by public or private media in individual countries. However, such assurances were not obtained from the Asia-Pacific News Network, officials said. In all, 54 projects were considered in Acapulco. They would have cost \$80 million if all had been approved but the agency had only \$3.5 million in contributions, so approval went to only 17 projects costing \$1 million.

The conference, which runs until Dec. 20, follows by a week the end of a special session of UNESCO that approved guidelines for a plan of activity for the rest of the decade that includes a communications section. During the special session UNESCO Director-General Amadou Mahtar M'Bow of Senegal and representatives of Third World nations appealed for increased contributions to the communications program.

M'Bow, a strong advocate of the new information order, appeared to be leading UNESCO to the brink of a break with the United States and other Western member states over the issue. However, during the session he convinced Cuba, head of the nonaligned group of nations, to withdraw a resolution saying the new order should be defined. Instead, UNESCO will study the bases on which such an order might be defined. M'Bow also has muted his criticism of the Western media. But during the session he charged Western reporters with presenting a false picture of the world body's activities.

Asia tapping youth potential

By Nestor Cervantes

BANGKOK (Deephnews) — Asian governments are on the right track in trying to improve their perception of the needs of the youth in their societies. This, says the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), enhances greater participation by this vital force in national development.

The awareness of governments of the potential of youth in the development process is reflected in the high priority they give to their education. However, ESCAP notes, there is much cause for concern in the provision of educational facilities because the rural youth appear to be at a disadvantage compared to their counterparts in the big towns and cities.

This is indicated by the overconcentration of expenditures on education and public health in the metropolitan areas at the expense of the countryside. For instance, school curricula give more emphasis on courses leading to white collar employment while those suited to agricultural needs are often neglected.

A ESCAP survey notes that this situation has naturally led the neglected of the important needs of the agricultural sector, an inadequate educational programming that fails to consider available and potential manpower in the countryside. This imbalance raises still

further the already high level of white-collar unemployment.

The low priority given the educational needs of rural youth is triggering their migration to the already crowded cities in quest of better educational and job opportunities, according to ESCAP.

Asia's youngsters (those aged 14 to 25) make up a fifth of the total population of 2.5 billion. In almost all the countries, the 15-25 age group constitutes from 16.4 to 24 percent of the total population. In the case of those below a year old to 14, the percentage in majority of the countries does not go below 40.

ESCAP's concern for the welfare of this age group is understandable. Their potential is such that they are often active in forcing "political changes or in supporting those who seek them." Stressing this importance, ESCAP says the youth today generally have higher qualifications than in the past, both in the academic and technical spheres.

In recent years, various types of national youth councils had been organized, reflecting government recognition of its duty to service the social needs of the youth and enhancing their role in national development. However, the structure and operation of some of the councils are lacking "sufficiently comprehensive appreciation of the needs of the youth in regard to education, employment and recreation."



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Paris congress of poets declares 'war on war'

By Brendan Murphy

PARIS (AP) — Russian and American poets Andrei Voznesensky and Allen Ginsberg have joined with other writers from around the world to fire off a "war on war." The two men were the star attractions of an international poetry reading in Paris sponsored by UNESCO in which about 20 poets called for an end to the arms race, expressing their concerns through verse.

"My name is Grief," Voznesensky read from his poem "Goya" in the forceful style that has made him a Soviet national figure and a world-renowned poet.

"I am the voice of pocked war, charred beams, of burnt cities scattered over the snow of 1941," he declared, holding aloft a branch taken from a berry tree near the Moscow grave of Russian poet Boris Pasternak.

Voznesensky explained to the audience filling the main hall of UNESCO's Paris headquarters that Pasternak came to Paris 44 years ago for a similar purpose — to take part in a congress of writers opposed to the rise of fascism.

Ginsberg, 56, a fixture of America's countercultural movements ever since he helped launch the "beat generation" with his 1956 poem "Howl," read from his latest work, *Plutonian Ode*. In this epic-style work born of his opposition to the nuclear industry, Ginsberg warned of the perils that arise "when nuclear reactors create a new thing under the sun." The lengthy piece recently received the 1982 *Los Angeles Times* book review award for poetry.

Another American poet, Aayne Cortez, took aim at the military-industrial complex. "Military spending, huge spending and profits...military spending, huge spending and death," she read. From Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish came this: "How small these flowers are, how wide this sea of blood...no flower in this desert is as precious as your blood."

Offstage, Ginsberg and Voznesensky — longtime associates who have read their works together on stages around the world — spoke of their mutual concerns. "As a Tibetan Lama once explained to me," Ginsberg said, "the problem is that there are two viol-

ent enemies, giants, with razor-sharp knives pressed against the jugular veins of each other's necks, eyeball to eyeball, asking themselves, 'shall we do it?' and thinking, 'better not.'"

"There is that much sanity left. Nobody wants to commit suicide," Ginsberg said. "I don't think there will be a nuclear catastrophe. I think we're doomed to have to solve the problem."

Voznesensky said, "everybody is touched in Russia too, by the arms race. Our country is not so rich and people don't live in comfort. It's terrible to spend so much — we need money for agriculture."

"Everybody has to stop immediately. We can destroy the world 40 times. It is not necessary to destroy it 42 times."

Voznesensky, 49, was realistic about the limitations of poetry in the real world of international politics, but expressed the hope that his and others' words would not be without effect.

"I don't think this meeting can stop the arms race," he said, "but maybe it will touch people and make them feel guilty."

The collected poets drafted a "trans-political declaration" on the eve of Friday's reading, stating: "The arms race that is about to extend itself into space is bankrupting the world."

"War is the old way of for men and societies to communicate. To declare war on war is to set in motion new forms of communication, transcultural and transpolitical."

Ginsberg, Voznesensky and their fellow poets are to bring their "war on war" to Milan and Amsterdam in the coming weeks. A spokesman for the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization said the poets may give similar readings in the U.S. sometime next year.

The poets' appeal comes at a time when worldwide support for nuclear disarmament is growing rapidly. But French poet Jean-Jacques Lebel, who organized the event with San Francisco poet and publisher Lawrence Ferlinghetti, said the reading was first proposed two years ago.

"It's not linked directly to the political movements today," he said.

Soviets preview film about American writer

By David Minthorn

MOSCOW (AP) — *I saw the New World Born* is the new Soviet film based on American John Reed's famous account of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Western critics are likely to give the Soviet film high marks for cinematography, especially the colorful crowd scenes shot on location amid the historic architecture of the revolution. But the film's style is basically documentary. It omits Reed's personalized view of the Communist takeover as depicted in Warren Beatty's Academy award-winning *Reds*.

The film, shown recently to Soviet and foreign journalists, stars Italian actor Franco Nero as Reed, the left-wing U.S. journalist, and American actress Sydney Rome as his wife, Louise Bryant.

Director Sergei Bondarchuk said the 130-minute film would open later this month in Moscow in connection with the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union's film industry in 1922. He said the film would eventually be shown in the United States and other Western countries, but the dates were still being negotiated by the Mexican company that co-financed the production.

Vladimir I. Lenin, who is played by a Soviet actor look-alike, is the real star of the film. In line with the government's reverential treatment of the Bolshevik leader, Lenin is shown as the central figure in a series of tableaux with other prominent Communists such as Joseph Stalin, plotting the seizure of power.

One character in the film bears a striking resemblance to Leon Trotsky, the revolution-

nary leader who was exiled by Stalin, eventually assassinated and became a non-person.

The name "Trotsky" is also used in the film's dialogue during a debate among the Bolshevik leaders on revolutionary plans. The references suggested that Communist authorities are now taking a more sympathetic view of the main credited with organizing the Red Army.

Nero portrays Reed as a wide-eyed idealist who becomes a Communist convert as the film proceeds. He and Miss Rome turn up as observers at many of the key places where the revolution came to a climax in early November 1917. The storming of the winter palace, which now houses the Hermitage Museum, is the high point of the film.

Reed and his wife race along with the shouting crowd as rifle fire crackles. "Do you think we're doing the right thing? This isn't our country," she says.

"I'm with them," he replies, stopping to yell "hurrah" as the Bolsheviks overrun the defenders and swarm into the palace.

In another scene, she asks with surprise, "are you becoming a Bolshevik?"

"Why not?" he reports. "It's easy to jump over the fence."

Reed went to Russia to cover the revolution after stints as a war correspondent in Mexico and Europe.

Reed's book, *Ten Days That Shook the World*, an eyewitness account of the revolution, is required reading for Soviet schoolchildren. Streets were named in his honor around the country and he is prominently mentioned in Soviet museums about the revolution.

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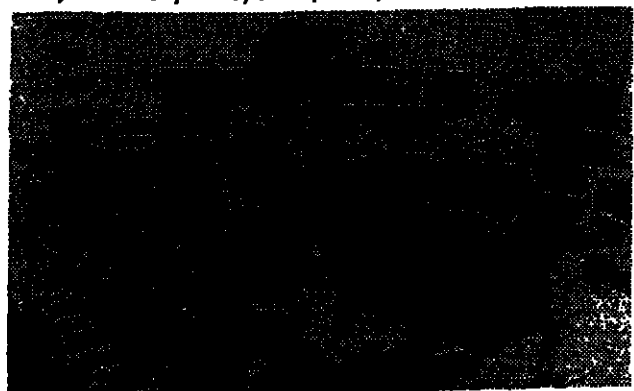
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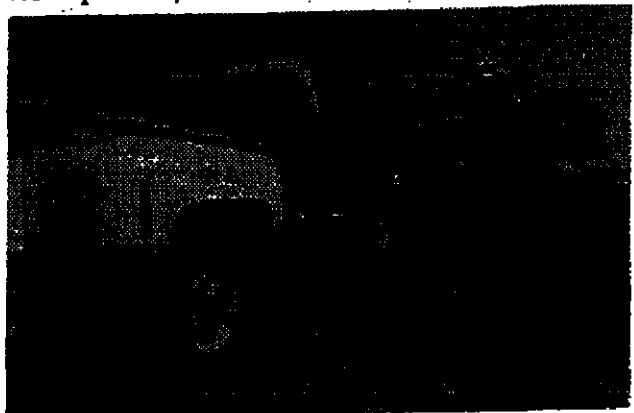
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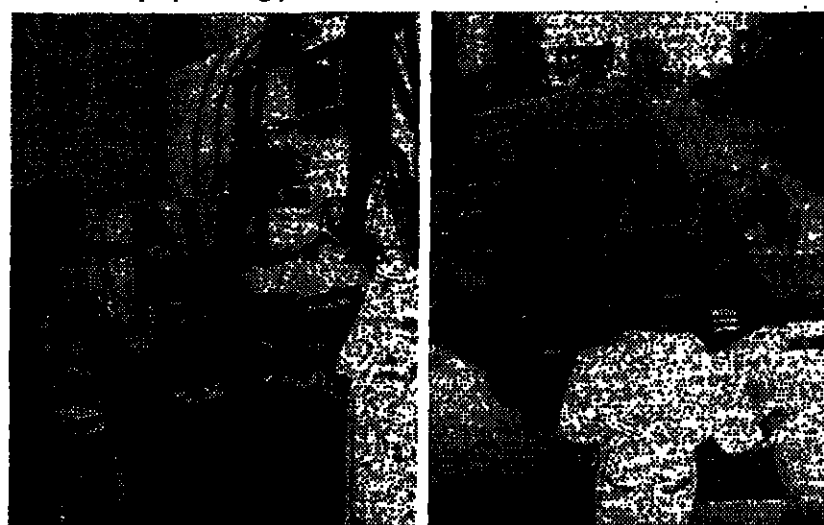
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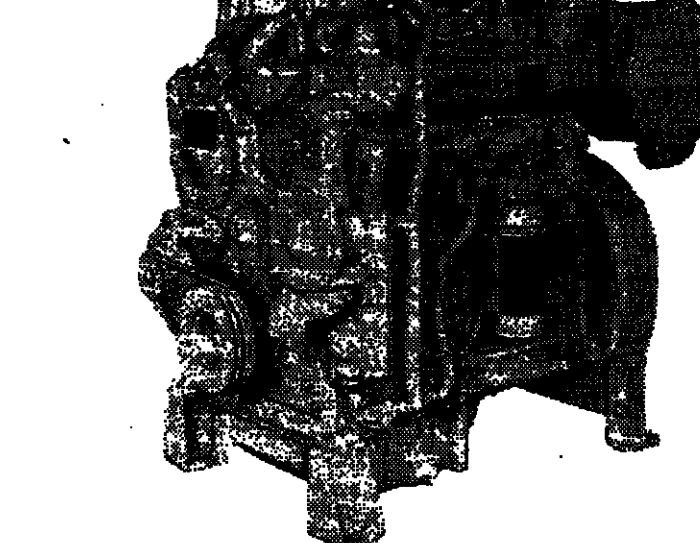


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New service regulations

French hospital reform raises storm

By Walter Schwarz

PARIS (G) — A hurricane of reform is approaching French hospitals. After announcing the abolition of private practice and private beds, Jack Ralite, the Communist minister of health, now says heads of department are to be elected by their staff, medical and non-medical, with a vote — presumably — for the cleaning ladies.

Heads of department are bawling down the hatch. "This means a permanent election campaign, inevitable settlement of old scores, the end of all established hierarchy, of serious training and efficiency," said professor Bernard Debre, Paris surgeon who is head of a doctor's union. After sporadic one-day strikes and a big march down the Champs Elysees, hospital doctors are planning more serious resistance.

Professor Debray thinks it is all part of a process "in which the individual will disappear in favor of the collective." Undaunted, Ralite is keeping up the pressure. His latest bombshell is a still unpublished draft project on new service regulations for public service doctors. Those who have read it say it means promotion will be controlled in the last resort by the local prefects, whom the Socialists have renamed commissioners of the republic.

"This is catastrophic," said Jean Chaumont, head of maternity at Compiègne General Hospital in Oise. "The commissioners' criticism will obviously be politics, not medicine. Taken as a whole, these reforms will make us into very good civil servants. That means very bad doctors."

An even grimmer thought occurred to the head of anesthetics at Compiègne, Dr. Gerard Vilain. "We shall finish up like the British — with a deteriorating public service and a very expensive parallel private system — the opposite of a Socialist solution."

The approach of another doctor — chief surgeon in a private clinic — was psychological. "Ralite clearly hates us. No doubt it's his early frustrations at the hands of doctors."

Ralite, aged 54, a former journalist with no medical background, denies he hates doctors. But hospital frustrations play a frank and large part in reforming zeal. "We want to remodel the system with the patient at its center," he said.

For a start, he promises to end "interminable waiting around" by a streamlined appointments system under which "doctors will be required to show punctuality."

He also wants to end "the old duality in which the private patient felt respected, the public patient miserable." In teaching hospitals, a maximum of two medical students will be allowed to sit in on a consultation and patients can demand a tete-a-tete session.

In his draft decree on elections in hospitals (designed to accompany a bill which has not yet been submitted to parliament) he gives 75 percent of the vote to the hospital's own doctors.

12 and a half percent to non-medical staff and 12 and a half percent to other doctors in the region. Ralite also proposes to amalgamate existing departments, ending the watertight divisions through which patients have to navigate unaided. Each patient is promised a single, centralized dossier.

"There won't be a permanent election campaign — only a permanent collective reflection on improving the service," Ralite said. Doctors' salary grades will no longer be linked to appointments they hold. Promotion is to be based on seniority and merit.

But critics say "merit" has already been shown in individual cases to mean political merit. Ralite's reforms have come in for a full storm of criticism, even in the left-wing press. In the hospitals, many doctors who share Ralite's objectives fear he is over-reacting.

"Of course, there were abuses in private practice in hospitals: Some of the big shots were profiteering, especially in Paris," Dr. Vilain conceded. "What Ralite should have done is enforce the law, plug the loopholes, not scrap the whole system."

Dr. Vilain said private practitioners had deliberately been brought into the hospital service to improve standards. The result was one of the finest hospital systems in the world. Now it's in danger of going up in smoke.

The senior doctor at Compiègne is a natural ally of Ralite. Robert Orhan has been head of the laboratory service since it was

founded 25 years ago. "Departments did need reform," he said. "Modern medicine needs to be collegiate, and something had to be done about the big Mandarins who could make and unmake careers of young doctors. But there's no point in creating super departments without providing the accommodations, and the staff." The general hospital, founded in 1881 in buildings of the century before that, has draughty, dirty corridors and flaking walls — but the best modern equipment and medical standards as good as any in France.

Orhan and others complain decisions are being made "by a small coterie of people around the minister, without proper consultation." A committee of doctors on reforming the hospital departments issued a report but it was ignored and the minister's draft decree ran counter to its proposals.

All this leads the doctors to more sadness than anger. What really maddens them is the news that in Ralite's new world they will have less money — and even the pensions they have already earned seem threatened. "What has happened amounts to a breach of contract," said Dr. Vilain, his hands trembling with emotion. "The private practice we do in the hospitals is rigidly restricted to thirty percent of our salaries. We have been doing it for the sake of the pension fund involved — a costly private scheme which took up much of the extra earnings."

At 20,000 to 30,000 pounds a year, hospital department heads' official salary is only a fraction of the income earned by top private doctors. Official pensions are only 30 to 40 percent of the salary.

Ralite's latest draft project assures of the full security of civil servants ("a positive step," Dr. Chaumont conceded) but makes no mention of their private pension fund ("a deliberate provocation," according to Dr. Vilain).

"I entered the public service out of duty. Now I've been cheated," Dr. Chaumont said. "In future others may avoid the same mistake and the ultimate victims will be the patients."

The Ralite reforms are still on paper — due to go into effect in a year's time. The abolition of private practice — passed by parliament — has already been postponed twice after resistance by the doctors.

The latest decree on electing department heads was leaked to newspapers recently — months before the accompanying bill was to have been published. The *Canard Enchaîné* thinks Communists in Ralite's office leaked it — perhaps to provide demagogic aid to Communists in the coming municipal elections.

Judging by the doctors' reactions, this could backfire. The lesson the public is likely to draw is that once again a well-meaning government has muddled and improvised itself into trouble.

Indian surgeon saves sights of over 100,000

By Shyam Bhatia

NEW DELHI (LOS) — In the villages of southern India, there is a legend about a man invested with near miraculous powers for curing blindness. The man is an eye surgeon in the city of Hyderabad. A few weeks ago Dr. Siva Reddy, aged 63, successfully conducted operation: number 102,334 for the removal of cataracts. "It is," he said, "a modest achievement when you consider how much remains to be done."

In India a mere 6,000 eye surgeons serve the needs of a population fast approaching 700 million. An incredible six million are in imminent danger of becoming blind because of cataracts. "A simple operation could save their sight but there just isn't enough medical expertise available," said Dr. Reddy.

He is the pioneer of the eye camp, a mobile eye hospital that tours the state of Andhra Pradesh and performs instant operations for cataracts. A typical operation takes no more than eight minutes with three days allowed for post-operative care.

Patients who travel miles on foot for the free operation are kept within the precincts of the eye camp. After the operation they

are allocated one of several dozen camp beds, laid out in the open, where voluntary workers look after them.

"It is very expensive for a villager to go off to the city," said an official. "The average villager is also very timid. When the doctors take the initiative and arrive in his area, then he becomes bold and inquisitive."

The state government and the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind jointly support the eyecamps, where an individual operation costs an estimated \$12.

No single cause for eye cataracts has been established, although poor nutrition, genetic reasons and diseases like diabetes are held to be contributory factors. In India cataracts most commonly occur at the age of 50, compared with the 60-to-65-year age bracket in the West.

Reddy, married with two grandchildren, is honorary eye surgeon to the president of India. He decided on a career of surgery soon after leaving school. "I went to see my mother who was suffering from an eye infection. The doctors could not help her. I told myself — that old lady who looked after me, she doesn't deserve it."

Spectacles for cats and dogs

By Zanita Carreon

COLOMBO — Animals in spectacles? It's incredible but true. Animal lovers the world over will now be spared the agony of seeing their pets go blind or suffering from acute visual disabilities.

A French optician Denise Lemiere — himself an avid animal lover — has now invented spectacles specially designed for animals.

Veterinary surgeons from all over the globe are now taking advantage of this discovery with some of them even sending their "patients" to the "pets optician" to correct visual deficiencies.

These "eye glasses" are also going to save several horses from the scaffold as many of them have habitually been suffering from either long sight or short sight. Now, the inability to see very well will not hinder them at all and they will be able to compete with any rival taking part in the race.

Veterinary surgeons who almost gave up hope for animals who could not see when experiments with contact lenses proved difficult with animals like cats and dogs are heaving a sigh of relief. Contact lenses however proved to be successful where chickens were concerned as they cannot scratch it off, according to Dr. Rector C. Perera, a well-known veterinary surgeon. But in the case of chickens, these contact lenses are used to

retard the sight of those being reared in very large numbers to prevent cannibalism, he said, adding that the dome-shaped lenses are inserted into the eyes of 12-week-old chickens.

The lenses are tinted red, he said, to prevent the chickens in the coop from pecking one another. The mortality rate among birds because of mutual fights could be reduced by about 20 percent with the aid of these contact lenses. Perera said and added that the process of inserting the lenses into the bird's eyes is quite simple with an average of 250 birds being fitted with lenses in an hour by three persons.

The contact lenses used in experiment with several other animals were however taken off with dirt, paws by unwilling subjects.

This left only one path open to pet opticians — glasses. Several veterinary surgeons had this idea but rejected it just as soon. Which animal will stand having something on his nose all day long?

Denise Lemiere, the inventor of these ingenious animal spectacles however has made them with a very strong similarity to the glasses human beings use putting aside the fact that they are held on by straps and mould the contours of the animal concerned.

The lenses of the glasses are however identical to those used by us.

HEMORRHOIDS ARE NO JOKE



STOPPING YOURSELF

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Hemorrhoids are no joke. I suffered from them for years. At last I had surgery to find relief. Why do so many make cracks about piles? It's not funny when you have them. — Mr. G.

Dear Mr. G.: Twenty-five million Americans will agree — nothing funny about hemorrhoids. Jokes about Napoleon missing the Battle of Waterloo, etc. Have you heard the one about the surgeon saying, "If I had an enemy, I'd do a tonsillectomy — but be sure to do a hemorrhoidectomy as an encore on the same day." As the saying goes, "Not funny, McGee."

What are hemorrhoids? Distended, swollen, bulging veins in the area of the lower rectum. Standing and sitting for long periods predisposes as does pregnancy. Commonly found in truck drivers, writers, salespersons. A diet low in fiber is perhaps an important contributing cause. Constipation produces straining. Diarrhea may also irritate. People who require more fiber in the diet to keep the stools bulky and soft should take bran cereals, wholemeal breads, peas, beans, fruits and vegetables. Taking at least six large glasses of liquids is helpful: water, iced tea, soft drinks, juices. Good bowel hygiene and regular bowel habits are essential. Don't strain. Moderate exercise helps.

There are two types of hemorrhoids — internal and external. The external usually disappear in a few days or weeks, but tend to recur. Internal hemorrhoids originate in the upper portion of the anal canal. They produce itching, burning, aching — and sometimes bright red

blood in the stool. Occasional flareups can be treated at home with sitz baths, suppositories and creams. But serious cases can be treated in various ways: by injection; cryosurgery; rubber band treatment; or by hemorrhoidectomy.

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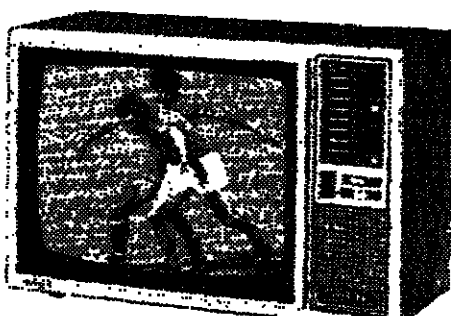
For Mrs. E.: One definition of nervous fatigue is that it is "an exhaustion of strength, weariness from exertion." But this should be added: "It can be due to excessive drain on the emotions." Everyone has experienced busy days when almost superhuman efforts were completed without feeling one bit tired. Yet, on some succeeding day — when burdened with sudden bad news, or when concerned about someone or something — exhaustion comes early and stays late, even though one hasn't worked hard.

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Our 4-year-old daughter had a slight seizure while she had high fever. Because we were concerned, our doctor ordered a brain wave test. It was normal. He tells us there's nothing to be worried about. We still are. — Mrs. L.

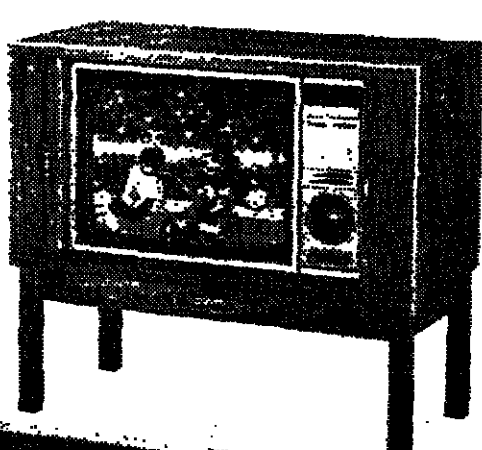
Dear Mrs. L.: What else can I say but be thankful that your doctor says everything's all right? Only repeated seizures should be a cause for concern.

(Tomorrow: A new way to measure blood pressure)

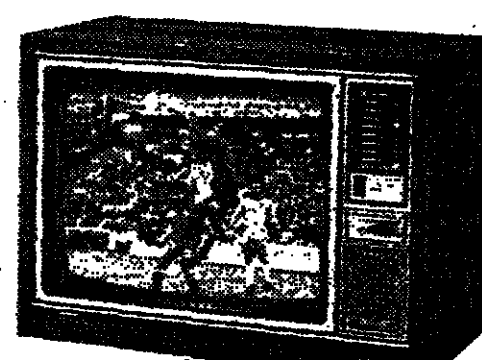
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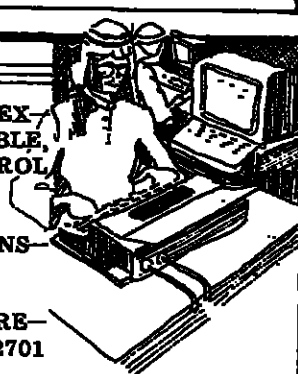
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Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Off-key
2 Big hit
3 Capital of
4 Italy
5 Lobster
6 Colman film (1947)
7 French
8 Cavalier
9 Knight
10 Beat (sl.)
11 Deduce
12 Actress
13 Adams
14 Banishment
15 — Cassino
16 —
17 Tryout TV
18 University in
19 Georgia
20 Coxy place
21 English river
22 Tease
23 Hill dweller
24 Indian
25 German
26 article
27 Baseball great
28 Roger
29 Avarice
30 A Green Mountain Boy
31 Egyptian
32 Force
33 Actress, —
34 Bancroft
35 German
36 composer
37 Cartoonist
38 Peter —
39 European river
40 Deutsch (abbr.)
41 Don't — an eyelash!

DOWN
1 Linger awhile
2 Cantor's wife
3 Walkie
4 Garland
5 Places for swimmers
6 Wanting
7 Skin ailment
8 Violinist
9 Isaac
10 Heyerdahl
11 Tarkenton
12 Rich vein
13 Chinese port
14 Greek letter
15 Folio

Saturday's Answer

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

R VRCVG UXL PQLVJ CVXLQGC
NRJ ZG CRQP VX ZG QYRGLGV
QY VFG FINRY RYQNR. — MGXLMG
N X X L G

Saturday's Cryptquote: A DOG TEACHES A BOY FIDELITY, PERSEVERANCE AND TO TURN AROUND THREE TIMES BEFORE LYING DOWN. — ROBERT BENCHLEY

Contract Bridge

B. Jay and Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ AKQ
♥ Q10652
♦ J7
♣ K83

EAST
♠ 109873
♥ —
♦ 942
♣ J5542

SOUTH
♠ J4
♥ AJ73
♦ AQ1053
♣ A97

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass Pass 10 Dble
Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

If you look at all four hands, you may wonder how declarer managed to go down one at four hearts. But the fact is that he did, and furthermore it's likely that most declarers playing the hand would have suffered the same fate.

The bidding was normal and so was the opening lead of the king of diamonds. But something unusual occurred when East played the nine on his partner's king at trick one, and then the deuce on partner's ace at trick two. When West now led the six of

Corn's imaginative high-low play in diamonds created a situation that did not exist naturally, but without that play declarer surely would have made four hearts. Furthermore, there were other trump holdings West might have had, aside from the K-9-8-4, that would have resulted in South's defeat if he could be induced to ruff high in dummy on the third diamond lead. The little white lie told by Corn thus had everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1982

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
Travel in connection with business is fortunate. You'll make important progress regarding your career. Superiors are helpful.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Bonds of affection grow stronger. Meet with financial advisers about investment opportunities. Relax after dark.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
It's a productive workday for you, though you may be surprised by a loved one's actions. Begin savings programs.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You may decide to buy some things for a child. An evening appointment may be changed. Romance, though, is fulfilling.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Some decide to invest in real estate or to make a major purchase for the home. Express romantic sentiments to a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You'll make some major decisions about domestic interests. Evening hours favor romance, relaxation and dining out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Write letters and make important phone calls. You'll impress others with your opinions. Creative energy mounts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Some decide to invest in real estate or to make a major purchase for the home. Express romantic sentiments to a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Extra energy puts you one step ahead of the competition. It's a time to make things happen! Avoid controversial moves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
It's a quiet but productive time for you. New insights are likely. Make plans to renew a friendship from the past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Participate in group functions or plan to give a party. A new acquaintance is fascinating. Career interests stabilize.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
You may invite someone from afar for a visit. Unexpected news is likely. Evening hours accent friendship and romance.

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(1216-1294)

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